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STATISTICS OF WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

METROPOLITAN AREA.

Population, at 31st December, 1941—Males, 107,000; Females, 123,000; Total, 230,000.
Area, at 31st December, 1941—191 square miles.

No. 1.—Population of Western Australia (exclusive of full-blood Aborigines*) from 1937.

Period.	Estimated Population on last day of period.			Increase during period. (a)	Masculinity. (b)	Mean Population.
	Males.	Females.	Total.			
1937	241,297	215,814	457,111	5,554	111·81	454,295
1938	243,559	218,902	462,461	5,350	111·26	459,977
1939	245,064	222,312	467,376	4,915	110·23	465,042
1940	244,137	224,174	468,311	935	108·91	465,314
1941	242,040	225,042	467,082	—1,229	107·55	459,272
Quarters, 1941—						
First	243,955	224,557	468,512	201	108·64	468,412
Second	243,908	224,911	468,819	307	108·45	468,666
Third (c)	242,501	224,705	467,206	—1,613	107·92	468,009
Fourth	242,040	225,042	467,082	—124	107·55	467,144

* Estimated Full-blood Aboriginal Population in the State on 30th June, 1941—21,700.

(a) Minus sign (—) denotes decrease.

(b) Number of Males to each 100 Females.

(c) Revised.

No. 2.—Arrivals in and Departures from Western Australia from 1937. (a)

Period.	Arrivals.			Departures.			Excess of Arrivals over Departures. (b)		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Males.	Females.	Total.
1937	12,265	10,306	22,571	11,590	9,971	21,561	675	335	1,010
1938	12,907	10,320	23,227	12,674	10,110	22,784	233	210	443
1939	11,494	9,701	21,195	11,974	9,006	20,980	—480	695	215
1940	8,505	5,780	14,285	11,233	6,752	17,985	—2,728	—972	—3,700
Quarters, 1941—									
First	2,066	1,241	3,307	2,875	1,620	4,495	—809	—379	—1,188
Second	2,191	1,210	3,401	2,762	1,588	4,350	—571	—378	—949

(a) Figures for the war period relate to civilians only. (b) Minus sign (—) denotes excess of departures over arrivals.

No. 3.—Marriages, Births, and Deaths in Western Australia from 1937.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.			Deaths.			Excess of Births over Deaths.	Annual Birth, Death, and Marriage Rate per 1,000 of Mean Population.			Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births.
		M.	F.	Total.	M.	F.	Total.		Birth Rate.	Death Rate.	Marriage Rate.	
1937	4,169	4,416	4,193	8,609	2,498	1,567	4,065	4,544	18·95	8·95	9·18	37·52
1938	4,153	4,675	4,466	9,141	2,646	1,588	4,234	4,907	19·87	9·20	9·03	33·80
1939	4,195	4,649	4,387	9,036	2,664	1,672	4,336	4,700	19·43	9·32	9·02	40·84
1940	5,234	4,588	4,533	9,121	2,787	1,699	4,486	4,635	19·60	9·64	11·25	44·18
1941	5,074	5,108	5,010	10,118	2,888	1,881	4,769	5,349	22·03	10·38	11·05	35·38
Quarters, 1941—												
First	1,178	1,267	1,222	2,489	640	460	1,100	1,389	21·55	9·52	10·20	44·19
Second	1,346	1,241	1,163	2,404	717	431	1,148	1,256	20·57	9·82	11·52	39·52
Third	1,228	1,269	1,258	2,527	816	507	1,323	1,204	21·42	11·22	10·41	36·41
Fourth	1,322	1,331	1,307	2,698	715	483	1,198	1,500	22·91	10·17	11·23	22·61

II.—CENSUS OF 1933.

NOTE.—All population figures are exclusive of full-blood aboriginals.

No. 4.—Summary of Population and Dwellings of Local Government Areas in Western Australia on 30th June, 1933.

Local Government Areas.	Population.			Dwellings		
	Males.	Females.	Total.	Occupied.	Unoccupied.	Total.
Urban—	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Metropolitan :						
Municipalities	67,983	75,593	143,576	32,425	942	33,367
Road Districts	31,305	32,559	63,864	15,288	740	16,028
Total, Metropolitan	99,288	108,152	207,440	47,713	1,682	49,395
Provincial :						
Municipalities	23,060	21,745	44,805	10,187	296	10,483
Rural—						
Road Districts	108,732	74,677	183,409	45,678	2,311	47,989
Migratory	2,857	341	3,198	...	...	...
Total, Census, 30-6-33	233,937	204,915	438,852	103,578	*4,289	*107,867
Total, Census, 4-4-21 ...	177,278	155,454	332,732	73,550	*3,563	*77,113

* Including 260 dwellings in course of construction in 1933 and 289 in 1921.

III.—FINANCE.

No. 5.—State Revenue, July, 1941, to March, 1942.

Particulars.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	9 months ended Mar., 1942.	Particulars.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	9 months ended Mar., 1942.
GOVERNMENTAL.	£	£	£	£	PUBLIC UTILITIES.	£	£	£	£
<i>Taxation.</i>					Bunbury Harb. Bd. ....	....	....	....	....
Land Tax	8,653	26,749	11,944	88,561	Fmtle. Harb. Trust 15,823	13,981	17,664	125,829	
Income Tax and Dividend Duty	172,062	190,065	227,146	1239457	Goldf. Water Supply 32,728	32,176	44,089	222,585	
Totalisator Tax	9,031	2,577	2,922	37,523	Kalgoorlie Abattoirs 300	405	337	4,326	
Stamp Duty	16,878	17,010	15,036	183,128	Met. Abattoirs and Saleyards	5,204	5,839	5,974	48,169
Probate Duty	19,161	14,541	13,788	143,320	Met. Water Supply and Sewerage	39,819	59,702	45,931	475,553
Amusement Tax	9,271	7,162	7,357	71,255	Other Hydraulic Undertakings	6,396	7,346	10,382	57,237
Financial Emergency Tax (a)	4,220	3,344	2,786	34,409	Railways	309,730	301,405	312,897	2,899,610
Licenses	25,377	6,778	2,527	79,646	Tramways	32,822	32,037	38,134	297,598
Gold Mining Profits Tax	22,194	21,910	27,467	84,319	Electricity Supply....	37,524	35,309	34,495	348,788
Total	286,847	290,136	310,973	1961618	State Ferries	984	823	916	7,374
<i>Territorial.</i>					State Batteries	6,478	4,630	3,923	57,502
Land	8,785	17,295	24,597	106,096	Caves House	1,081	1,142	1,117	8,456
Mining	9,338	3,047	4,188	21,365	STATE TRADING CONCERNS.				
Timber	12,907	11,407	11,671	112,752	Profits Recovered ....	....	10,000	10,000	47,500
Total	25,030	31,749	40,456	240,213	Recoup of Dep't'l Charges, Interest, etc.	75	115	100	21,762
<i>Law Courts</i>	6,497	7,916	7,328	59,992	Total	488,964	504,910	525,959	4,622,289
Depart'l Reimbursements, Fees, etc.	104,394	50,188	62,757	664,775	GRAND TOTAL	1007685	981,852	1048217	8,425,475
Royal Mint	4,000	5,000	8,791	49,010					
<i>Commonwealth.</i>									
States Grants Act	52,500	52,500	52,500	472,501					
Interest Contributions	39,453	39,453	39,453	355,077					
Total (Commonwealth)	91,953	91,953	91,953	827,578					
Total (Governmental)	518,722	476,942	522,258	3803187					

(a) Arrears only—Tax discontinued 1st July, 1940.

No. 6.—State Expenditure, July, 1941, to March, 1942.

Particulars.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	9 months ended Mar., 1942.	Particulars.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	9 months ended Mar., 1942.
<i>Establishments.</i>	£	£	£	£	<i>Special Acts.</i>	£	£	£	£
H.E. the Governor	237	203	202	1,832	Constitution Acts	1,404	1,404	1,404	12,682
Legislative Council	130	127	111	1,213	Loan Acts	345,137	341,682	343,483	3,092,211
Legislative Assembly	242	215	218	2,239	Natives ....	...	Cr. 10	...	10,000
House Committee	438	298	298	3,555	Annuities ....	...	83	9	92
Printing Committee	457	438	443	4,611	Auditor General	83	83	83	749
Library Committee	18	4	4	231	Com. of Railways	167	167	167	1,501
Total	1,522	1,285	1,276	13,681	Com'w'lth Pensions	...	...	...	...
<i>Departments.</i>					Court of Arbitration	308	308	308	3,179
Premier's Office	1,557	1,571	Cr. 2	12,724	Dairy Cattle Comp.	...	...	...	357
London Agency	573	961	842	7,149	Fire Brigades Act....	4,363	...	...	12,980
P.S. Commissioner	71	86	33	731	Forests Act (Con.)	5,067	3,665	3,807	194
Motor Cars	256	95	Cr. 8	2,385	Forests Act	...	...	...	39,700
Printing	6,079	4,456	4,810	49,833	Parliamentary Allowances	4,050	4,050	4,050	36,312
Tourist and Publicity	377	280	290	3,132	Pensions and Retiring Allowances	17,454	12,256	12,453	108,736
Literary and Scientific	917	917	917	8,356	Pensions—State Savings Bank Transfer Act	...	...	...	396
Fisheries	569	469	533	5,616	P.S. Commissioner....	96	63	128	911
Treasury	2,242	3,199	2,393	25,344	Royal Mint	4,000	3,000	4,000	28,800
Audit	1,233	1,468	1,233	12,194	Stipendiary Magist.	392	356	297	3,604
Allowances	186	270	362	2,858	Tramways Purchase Act	...	...	...	...
Stores	1,592	1,227	1,214	12,899	University of W.A.	2,892	2,892	2,892	26,027
Taxation	3,512	3,559	3,500	30,854	Mine Workers' Relief Fund	...	4,303	...	12,618
Miscellaneous	164,903	20,933	51,746	573,369	Profitfeering Prevention Act	95	109	148	1,131
Forests	1,882	2,455	2,404	21,242	University Building Act	...	...	...	3,738
Works and Buildings	Cr.1,097	8,193	4,382	69,176	Superannuation Act	5,818	6,187	6,067	53,658
Factories	559	603	692	5,725	Judges' Pensions	125	83	83	749
Arbitration Court	294	409	443	4,029	Agent General	125	125	125	1,125
Crown Law, etc.	6,691	6,213	6,353	64,079	Total	391,576	380,723	379,504	3,451,390
Licensing	233	220	276	2,253					
Education	57,234	56,891	65,777	631,498	<i>Public Utilities.</i>				
Chief Secretary	1,729	1,401	1,744	15,527	Goldfields Water Supply	10,770	11,714	10,934	106,561
Natives	4,500	4,000	4,000	31,250	Kalgoorlie Abattoirs	587	217	526	3,299
Registry and Friendly Societies	1,075	1,196	1,193	10,201	Metrop. Abattoirs and Saleyards	2,995	2,313	4,108	29,328
Prisons	2,330	1,828	2,884	24,303	Metropolitan Water Supply, etc.	8,072	10,167	12,601	85,765
Harbour and Light and Jetties	2,120	2,498	2,239	21,434	Other Hydraulic Undertakings	4,570	4,655	5,076	44,656
Mental Hospitals	12,681	10,020	10,412	101,621	Railways	252,670	262,023	275,754	2,214,401
Observatory	93	109	106	974	Tramways	32,510	23,168	22,968	221,412
Mines	9,440	8,938	9,222	90,808	Electricity Supply....	39,053	27,794	24,951	248,559
Medical	3,225	2,687	3,569	30,024	State Ferries	968	702	608	6,481
Health	2,810	2,326	3,422	33,542	State Batteries	6,469	5,428	7,452	69,214
Lands and Surveys	4,087	4,273	4,375	41,363	Caves House	1,512	1,499	1,300	9,024
Town Planning	190	138	145	1,333	Total	360,176	349,680	366,278	3,038,700
Farmers' Debts and Rural Relief	232	233	227	2,150	GRAND TOTAL	1087481	924,820	982,188	8,838,491
Agriculture	7,342	7,613	7,618	69,218					
College of Agriculture	1,164	1,110	1,246	11,012					
Police	21,745	21,059	22,083	203,753					
Child Welfare and Outdoor Relief	8,170	7,798	8,951	82,262					
Unemploy'm't Relief & Labour Bureau	871	664	789	9,758					
Labour (Divn. 33)	86	303	93	1,286					
Council of Industrial Development	342	318	2,362	5,660					
Superannuation Bd.	112	145	260	1,710					
North-West Generally	...	...	...	85					
Total	334,207	193,132	235,130	2,334,720					

No. 7.—Net Loan Expenditure on Public Works, etc., from 1872.

Includes Expenditure from Loan Suspense Account.

Year ended 30th June.	Railways, Tramways, and Electric Power Station.	Harbours, Rivers, Light-houses, etc.	Roads and Bridges.	Public Buildings.	Water Supply and Sewerage, etc.	Development of Goldfields and Mineral Resources.	Development of Agriculture. (a)	Immigration.	Miscellaneous. (b)	Total.
To 1936	£ 27,623,430	£ 6,967,549	£ 2,511,661	£ 1,907,307	£ 13,821,539	£ 2,744,704	£ 28,226,229	£ 504,233	£ 5,541,684	£ 89,848,336
1937	245,422	175,991	123,659	89,126	1,151,369	22,876	115,451	40	108,290	2,032,224
1938	474,861	100,540	154,713	91,678	921,550	32,557	74,695	60	309,826	2,160,480
1939	220,644	92,014	144,860	114,788	888,708	43,766	110,123	60	21,221	1,636,184
1940	100,205	51,758	210,513	366,017	807,293	49,630	139,553	...	87,110	1,812,079
1941	115,759	76,098	37,932	153,047	824,290	37,949	117,698	...	46,541	1,409,314
Total	28,780,321	7,463,950	3,183,338	2,721,963	18,414,749	2,931,482	28,783,749	504,393	6,114,672	98,898,617

(a) Including Agricultural Bank, Land Settlement for Soldiers, and Agricultural Group Settlement. (b) Including State Business Undertakings; also pre-Federation expenditure on Electric Telegraphs, £269,308.

No. 8.—Summary of State Revenue, 1st July, 1931, to 31st March, 1942.

Period.	Collected by the State.					From Common- wealth Funds.	Total State Revenue.	Mean Popula- tion.	Revenue per head of Popu- lation.
	Taxation.	Land, Timber, and Mining.	Business Concerns.		Other Sources.				
			Railways and Tramways.	Other.					
1931-32	£ 1,006,915	£ 292,623	£ 3,183,977	£ 1,321,568	£ 1,456,801	£ 773,432	£ 8,035,316	No. 433,596	£ 18·532
1936-37 ...	2,403,575	386,418	3,754,454	1,664,403	970,151	1,006,432	10,185,433	451,890	22·504
1937-38 ...	2,594,987	374,610	3,932,510	1,762,636	1,105,867	1,048,432	10,819,042	457,210	23·663
1938-39	2,864,223	316,772	3,888,367	1,820,802	1,016,064	1,043,432	10,949,660	462,671	23·666
1939-40	2,996,054	316,205	3,802,385	1,837,580	1,099,287	1,068,432	11,119,943	466,244	23·850
1940-41	3,127,604	318,828	3,908,540	1,853,800	1,099,864	1,123,432	11,432,068	463,845	24·673
1941-42—									
Sept. Qr.	610,570	87,965	1,096,433	425,954	219,666	280,859	2,721,447	†	†
Dec. Qr.	463,092	55,013	1,073,750	506,319	297,240	270,860	2,666,274	†	†
Mar. Qr.	887,956	97,235	1,130,018	389,815	256,871	275,859	3,037,754	†	†

† Not available.

No. 9.—Summary of State Expenditure, from 1st July, 1931, to 31st March, 1942.

Period	Interest and Sinking Funds, Public Debt.	Lands, Surveys, Forests, and Mines.	Business Concerns.		Educa- tion.	All other.	Total State Expendi- ture.	Per head of Popu- lation.
			Railways and Tramways.	Other.				
1931-32	£ 3,507,379	£ 187,091	£ 2,344,936	£ 525,147	£ 574,235	£ 2,454,424	£ 9,593,212	£ 22·125
1936-37	3,618,619	269,062	2,906,344	726,206	715,957	2,320,450	10,556,638	23·360
1937-38	3,789,396	277,821	2,889,144	744,513	736,917	2,391,944	10,829,735	23·687
1938-39	3,889,405	277,576	3,156,248	778,661	757,051	2,311,161	11,170,102	24·143
1939-40	4,010,319	275,005	3,057,687	780,628	772,656	2,370,473	11,266,768	24·165
1940-41	4,057,143	270,042	2,993,916	778,090	784,009	2,537,757	11,420,957	24·649
1941-42—								
Sept. Quarter	1,030,845	64,026	770,202	193,050	226,518	650,125	2,934,766	†
Dec. Quarter	1,031,064	69,656	797,518	202,296	225,078	583,624	2,909,236	†
Mar. Quarter	1,030,302	59,615	869,594	207,041	179,902	648,035	2,994,489	†

† Not available.

No. 10.—Public Debt, 1932 to 1941 ; also Indebtedness per head of Estimated Population.

Date.	Amount Maturing.				Average nominal interest payable.	Accrued Sinking Fund on 30th June	Net Indebtedness (Approximate).	
	London.	New York.	Australia.	Total.			Amount.	Per head of Population.
30th June—1932	£ 46,064,358	£ 2,094,935	£ 31,548,660	£ 79,707,953	% 4·11	£ 1,308,906	£ 78,399,047	£ 180·182
1937	44,286,745	2,030,334	46,015,776	92,332,855	3·62	645,906	91,686,949	201·760
1938	44,158,403	2,024,005	47,529,533	93,711,941	3·66	307,211	93,404,730	202·983
1939	43,982,761	2,015,436	49,474,404	95,472,601	3·68	359,656	95,112,945	204·355
1940	43,953,693	2,015,436	50,261,270	96,230,399	3·67	303,976	95,926,423	205·035
1941	43,889,767	2,015,436	51,886,521	97,791,724	3·65	573,576	97,218,148	207·368
31st Dec., 1941	43,889,767	2,015,436	52,345,238	98,250,441	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available.

No. 11.—Commonwealth Savings Bank Transactions in Western Australia from 1st July, 1931.

Period.	Amount deposited during period. (a)	Amount withdrawn during period. (a)	Excess of De- posits over With- drawals.	Interest	Number of Accounts.			Due to Depositors (at end of Period).		
					Opened.	Closed.	Remain- ing open. (Opera- tive.)§	Total Amount.	Average to credit of each account.	Average per head of popu- lation
1931-32	£ 5,916,921	£ 5,961,165	£ 44,244	£ 274,136	No. 29,620	No. 26,538	No. 206,997	£ 10,217,739	£ 49·362	£ 23·483
1936-37 ...	9,716,932	9,425,588	418,440	213,857	39,648	31,391	217,247	11,834,794	54·476	26·055
1937-38 ...	10,004,537	9,852,218	152,319	219,138	41,518	33,647	225,118	12,037,486	53·472	26·159
1938-39	10,602,936	10,285,055	317,881	224,773	41,882	34,436	232,564	12,396,191	53·302	26·634
1939-40	10,039,271	10,641,171	†601,900	229,545	37,402	36,317	233,649	11,860,151	50·761	25·350
1940-41	10,193,000	9,657,739	535,261	226,291	40,234	35,063	238,820	12,521,159	52·429	26·708
Sept. Qr., 1941	3,091,943	2,508,393	583,550	†512	13,239	7,214	244,845	13,085,503	53·444	28·002

(a) Exclusive of transfers from and to other States of the Commonwealth.

† Interest on accounts closed during

‡ Excess of Withdrawals over Deposits.

§ At end of period.

No. 12.—Bank Clearings—Weekly Averages for Perth during the undermentioned periods :—

Year.	Quarter Ended				Year.
	March.	June.	September.	December.	
	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)	(£1,000)
1931	1,599	1,276	1,201	1,378	1,368
1932	1,713	1,403	1,232	1,460	1,446
1933	1,672	1,354	1,382	1,735	1,528
1934	1,735	1,487	1,538	1,749	1,622
1935	1,827	1,753	1,719	1,960	1,815
1936	2,045	1,745	1,811	2,130	1,947
1937	2,048	1,913	1,851	2,206	2,011
1938	2,302	1,999	1,905	2,199	2,092
1939	2,168	1,982	1,894	2,192	2,059
1940	2,549	2,203	2,126	2,322	2,293
1941	2,331	2,147	2,109	2,350	2,234
1942	2,657	....	....	....	....

No. 13.—Averages from 1932 of the Weekly Statements of Liabilities and Assets of the Cheque-paying Banks (formerly Banks of Issue) operating in Western Australia.

Period.	No. of Banks.	Liabilities.						Total Average Liabilities.
		Notes in Circulation.	Bills in Circulation.	Balances due to other Banks.	Deposits.			
					Not bearing Interest.	Bearing Interest.	Total.	
1932	8	£ 24,917	£ 136,556	£ 1,528,521	£ 5,818,066	£ 8,881,736	£ 14,699,802	£ 16,389,796
1937	8	20,638	226,692	937,056	8,477,392	11,592,295	20,069,687	21,254,073
1938	8	20,633	220,451	985,324	8,710,134	12,345,648	21,055,782	22,282,190
1939	8	20,621	237,135	1,196,526	8,498,772	11,697,587	20,196,359	21,650,641
1940	8	20,618	275,425	1,793,715	9,122,975	13,233,314	22,356,289	24,446,047
1941	8	20,613	303,377	1,520,773	10,020,294	14,725,565	24,745,859	26,590,622
Quarters, 1942— First	8	20,611	387,373	1,557,064	12,311,172	14,606,638	26,917,810	28,882,858

Period.		Assets.								
		Coined Gold, Silver, and other Metals.	Gold and Silver in Bullion and Bars.	Government, Municipal, and Public Securities. (a)	Landed Property and Bank Premises.	Australian Notes. (b)	Notes and Bills of other Banks.	Balances due from other Banks.	Notes and Bills discounted, and other Debts.	Total Average Assets.
		£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	
1932	....	201,763	213,712	2,228,768	727,389	3,267,797	65,080	104,726	19,030,609	25,839,844
1937	....	189,322	492,837	3,715,403	640,546	2,257,102	111,443	39,873	22,303,147	29,749,673
1938	....	190,187	499,322	3,692,355	644,238	2,229,474	115,808	41,844	23,221,510	30,634,738
1939	....	225,879	694,112	4,383,318	685,362	2,208,369	116,920	47,499	24,269,495	32,630,954
1940	....	195,829	582,265	2,905,087	717,911	2,662,703	138,010	295,854	23,045,812	30,543,471
1941	....	189,682	616,419	3,913,617	694,805	2,333,994	148,604	500,139	22,596,521	30,993,781
Qtrs., 1942— First	....	155,373	790,556	5,497,288	669,756	2,349,815	207,932	693,774	21,136,790	31,501,284

(a) Includes Treasury Bills. (b) Including cash with Commonwealth Bank. † The Australian Bank of Commerce, Limited, was amalgamated with the Bank of New South Wales on the 28th December, 1931, and the Primary Producers' Bank of Australia, Ltd., went into liquidation on the 28th September 1931.

No. 14—Real Estate Transactions from 1st July, 1931.
(Registrations at Land Titles Office.)

Period.	Transfers.		Mortgages.		Discharges of Mortgages.
	No.	£	No.	£	No.
1931-32	6,514	2,488,797	6,578	1,818,375	3,273
1932-33	6,993	2,170,038	5,499	3,501,910	3,515
1933-34	8,057	2,957,459	6,142	3,913,715	3,957
1934-35	8,960	3,552,924	6,511	4,220,621	4,823
1935-36	9,885	3,454,347	7,182	3,674,407	4,800
1936-37	10,311	4,068,073	6,986	4,605,031	4,780
1937-38	11,496	4,191,038	7,610	5,186,790	5,751
1938-39	11,457	4,131,699	7,876	5,107,100	5,583
1939-40	10,130	3,553,373	6,323	3,950,514	5,242
1940-41	9,296	3,232,514	5,238	3,300,766	4,991
1941-42—					
September Quarter	2,803	1,020,591	1,463	943,324	1,288
December Quarter	2,512	875,833	1,305	806,107	1,236
March Quarter	1,695	682,447	754	523,406	1,260
Month—					
January	599	215,585	242	140,945	357
February	639	287,222	310	222,108	479
March	457	179,640	202	160,353	424

IV.—SHIPPING.

PARTICULARS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLICATION.

V.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE COLLECTIONS.

No. 15.—Gross Customs, Excise, and other Collections in Western Australia during the undermentioned Periods.

Stations.	Year ended 30th June, 1941.				Nine months ended 31st Mar., 1942.			
	Customs.	Excise.	Other.	Total.	Customs.	Excise.	Other.	Total.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Fremantle	1,457,686	1,556,873	92,650	3,107,209	858,770	1,424,915	82,105	2,365,790
Perth	137	51	214	402	38	129	192	359
Albany	2,002	3	301	2,306	660	...	370	1,030
Broome	1,276	481	968	2,725	191	531	418	1,140
Bunbury	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Busselton	658	...	40	698	13	...	27	40
Carnarvon	1,530	...	73	1,603	41	...	37	78
Derby	3,937	...	6	3,943	5,082	...	3	5,085
Esperance	48,810	17,275	1,623	67,708	30,084	16,641	410	47,135
Geraldton	1,140	...	11	1,151	16	...	12	28
Onslow	679	...	46	725	30	...	9	39
Point Samson	1,985	...	4	1,989	8	...	4	12
Port Hedland	2,042	...	204	2,246	1,292	...	218	1,510
Wyndham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,521,882	1,574,683	96,140	3,192,705	896,225	1,442,216	83,805	2,422,246

VI.—TRADE.

PARTICULARS NOT AVAILABLE FOR PUBLICATION.

VII.—LAND SETTLEMENT.

No. 16.—Land Settlement as on the 31st December, 1941.

Particulars.	Area.	Area.
I.—ABSOLUTELY ALIENATED :—	acres.	acres.
Area sold by public auction or other forms of direct sale or otherwise alienated up to 31st December, 1941 .....	....	18,490,495
II.—IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION ON THE 31ST DECEMBER, 1941—		
Midland Railway Concessions in process of alienation	54,800	
Free Homestead Farms	566,312	
Conditional Purchase	5,367,955	
Selections from late W.A. Land Company	5,297	
Selections under the Agricultural Lands Purchase Act	453,077	
Homestead or Grazing Leases	7,059,868	
Poison Land Leases and Licenses	14,742	
Town and Suburban Lots	2,891	
		13,524,942
Total area alienated or in process of alienation on the 31st December, 1941 ....	....	32,015,437
III.—LEASES OR LICENSES IN FORCE ON 31ST DECEMBER, 1941—		
Issued by Lands Department :		
Pastoral Leases	206,112,991	
Special Leases	858,276	
Leases of Reserves	1,279,032	
Residential Lots	5,205	
Issued by Mines Department :		
Gold Mining Leases †	23,535	
Mineral Leases	38,498	
Miners' Homestead Leases	30,310	
Issued by Forestry Department :		
Timber Permits (a)	2,461,835	
		210,809,682
IV.—AREA NEITHER ALIENATED, IN PROCESS OF ALIENATION, NOR LEASED .....	....	381,763,681
Total Area of Western Australia .....	....	624,588,800

† Exclusive of 95 acres on "Private Property." (a) Includes certain firewood permits amounting to 22,760 acres, and Permits for cutting Wandoo for tanning purposes, amounting to 139,500 acres, but excludes Permits and Licenses for cutting timber and firewood in Goldfields areas.

No. 17.—Principal Crown Lands Transactions.—Area of Crown Lands for which Applications have been approved by the Lands Department from 1932.

Period.	Conditional Alienation.						Leases and Licenses.			
	Condi- tional Pur- chases.	Free Home- stead Farms.	Grazing Leases.	Selec- tions, Land Purchase Act.	Town Lots.	Total.	Pastoral Leases and Licenses.	Special Leases.	Miscel- laneous Leases.	Total.
1932	acres. 109,085	acres. 31,948	acres. 357,417	acres. 5,646	acres. 1,182	acres. 505,278	acres. 3,586,817	acres. 3,534	acres. 52,889	acres. 3,643,240
1937	676,718	13,355	....	7,217	632	697,922	3,346,444	332,523	183,989	3,862,956
1938	626,338	36,954	....	60,834	639	724,765	4,152,211	199,335	36,477	4,388,023
1939	368,126	22,779	....	48,508	663	440,076	3,913,104	51,876	46,180	4,011,160
1940	256,377	19,129	....	13,819	637	289,962	2,664,421	118,444	120,655	2,903,524
1941	263,441	9,415	....	21,124	470	294,450	2,904,329	176,408	15,707	3,096,444
1942—										
Mar. Qr.	27,462	2,090	....	877	91	30,520	553,526	49,598	8,677	711,801

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

No. 18.—Estimated Gross* Value of Western Australian Production, 1931-32 to 1940-41.

(Calculated principally on F.O.B. and Metropolitan Market Prices as to Primary Industries, and Value at door of Factory as to Manufactured Output.)

Year.	Agricultural. †	Pastoral.	Dairy, Poultry, and Bee Farming.	Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining. ‡	Manufacturing Output.
	£	£	£	£	£	£
1931-32	10,492,701	4,011,531	1,655,262	869,419	3,455,446	11,187,571
1932-33	10,247,311	4,023,270	1,669,074	806,487	4,845,554	12,327,548
1933-34	9,511,096	6,684,416	1,657,318	1,026,911	5,303,171	12,877,288
1934-35	8,167,869	4,727,974	1,963,338	1,386,319	5,969,261	14,641,680
1935-36	8,522,428	6,319,427	1,948,386	1,512,685	6,201,012	17,528,741
1936-37	9,435,736	5,718,359	2,084,770	1,748,124	7,913,659	18,313,122
1937-38	10,535,740	5,069,745	2,246,941	1,774,766	9,422,688	19,643,960
1938-39	8,538,688	4,728,565	2,358,189	1,780,017	11,102,334	19,548,511
1939-40	11,104,917	5,800,989	2,427,580	1,610,767	12,517,427	20,307,286
1940-41 (a)	6,880,801	5,850,496	2,614,995	1,849,722	13,352,883	21,824,974

* As "Gross" value includes Transport and Marketing Costs, Goods Consumed in the process of Production and Raw Material, etc., used, such values should not be aggregated in order to obtain the Total Value of Production.
 † Includes £714,200 Bonus on Wheat production 1931-32, £436,145 in 1932-33, £639,493 in 1933-34; £735,590 in 1934-35; £231,250 in 1935-36; and £641,051 in 1938-39. ‡ Includes £74,512 Bonus on Gold production in 1941 and £86,923 in 1932. (a) Subject to revision.

IX.—GOLD MINING STATISTICS.

No. 19.—Gold Production of Western Australia from 1886, also amounts of Dividends paid.

Period.	Production of Gold.				Dividends Paid by Mining Companies.
	Quantity.			Value (a).	
	Exported Direct.	Received at Perth Mint.	Total.		
	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	£	£
Prior to 1935	11,000,929	29,708,715	40,709,644	183,236,595	31,069,412
1935	9,869	639,180	649,049	5,702,149	1,135,395
1936	55,025	791,183	846,208	7,373,539	1,109,219
1937	71,647	929,000	1,000,647	8,743,755	1,213,529
1938	113,620	1,054,171	1,167,791	10,363,023	1,259,073
1939	98,741	1,115,497	1,214,238	11,842,964	1,618,974
1940	(b)	(b)	1,191,481	12,696,503	1,180,557
1941	(b)	(b)	1,109,319	11,851,443	830,032
From 1886 to 31st December, 1941	(b)	(b)	47,888,377	251,809,971	39,416,191
1942—					
January	}	(b)	75,482	790,502	9,375
February			68,391	714,692	29,738
March			75,458	788,540	....
Total, three months ended March....	(b)	(b)	219,331	2,293,734	39,113

(a) Australian currency, including premium.

(b) Not available for publication.

No. 20.—Monthly Gold Production of Western Australia, from 1932.

Month.	1932.	1937.	1938.	1939.	1940.	1941.	1942.
	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.	Fine ounces.
January	44,038	68,840	86,215	91,039	98,866	95,978	75,428
February	44,673	79,443	97,537	85,930	96,337	83,318	68,391
March	47,109	75,183	88,745	98,354	101,250	85,284	75,458
April	48,936	80,546	94,676	94,376	99,454	90,531	....
May	53,928	85,439	92,301	103,394	101,518	91,438	....
June	50,081	81,604	96,064	96,132	100,131	83,502	....
July	53,585	84,337	94,167	98,314	92,369	89,306	....
August	51,537	88,105	100,050	107,791	98,943	96,664	....
September	54,428	84,916	102,379	136,286	96,589	88,879	....
October	51,237	81,563	99,325	90,893	125,278	123,315	....
November	53,956	94,385	103,040	103,211	94,203	87,076	....
December	52,053	96,286	113,292	108,518	86,543	94,028	....
Total	605,561	1,000,647	1,167,791	1,214,238	1,191,481	1,109,319	....

X.—LIVE STOCK AND WOOL-CLIP.

No. 21.—Number of Live Stock in Western Australia on the 31st December, 1930 to 1940, and Wool Production during each Year.

Year.	Horses.	Cattle.			Sheep.	Pigs.	Wool Clip.	Wool Exported on Skins (Estimated).
		Dairy Cows.	Other Cattle.	Total.				
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	lbs.	lbs.
1930	156,973	85,725	727,119	812,844	9,882,761	100,664	71,541,885	5,409,615
1935	160,181	130,132	752,629	882,761	11,082,972	98,026	85,706,700	6,751,973
1936	155,177	126,301	666,207	792,508	9,007,535	76,451	63,537,200	6,398,010
1937	151,067	124,278	615,963	740,241	8,732,076	64,598	64,739,400	5,945,455
1938	143,679	128,725	638,955	767,680	9,177,531	82,922	72,475,000	6,327,143
1939	139,207	130,388	668,787	799,175	9,574,433	149,604	75,400,000	5,257,367
1940	130,057	131,379	657,549	788,928	9,516,272	217,910	69,427,000	(a)

(a) Not available for publication.

XI.—AGRICULTURE.

No. 22.—Cropping, Clearing, etc., 1931-32 to 1940-41.

Season.	Land Cropped, Cleared, etc.						
	Under Crop.	Under artificially sown pasture.	Newly cleared and prepared for next season.	In fallow.	Other, previously cropped, now used for grazing, etc.	Ringbarked or partially cleared.	Total.
1931-32	acres. 3,963,172	acres. 370,935	acres. 214,665	acres. 2,567,720	acres. 5,317,899	acres. 1,780,091	acres. 14,214,482
1936-37	(a) 3,851,876	635,804	139,635	2,539,522	6,365,852	1,685,565	15,218,254
1937-38	(a) 4,168,021	755,872	208,844	2,817,784	6,062,301	1,667,069	15,679,891
1938-39	(a) 4,683,333	908,032	200,836	2,927,090	5,541,004	1,592,634	15,852,929
1939-40	(a) 4,286,985	1,085,084	152,072	2,603,178	6,418,535	1,566,267	16,112,071
1940-41	(a) 3,988,308	1,192,957	130,790	2,283,660	*6,845,822	*1,459,744	15,931,281

(a) Excludes Meadow Hay. * Revised.

No. 23.—Areas under various kinds of Crops in Western Australia, 1931-32 to 1941-42.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Po-tatoes.	To-bacco.	To-matoes.	Or-chards.	Vine-yards.	Other Crops.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.							
1931-32	acres. 3,158,888	acres. 267,894	acres. 14,533	acres. 381,447	acres. 4,892	acres. 348	acres. (a)	acres. 19,530	acres. 6,852	acres. 108,788
1936-37	2,575,283	463,129	40,092	478,099	4,324	1,041	667	22,143	8,140	293,466
1937-38	3,026,420	386,112	44,930	432,399	4,202	1,216	706	21,976	8,277	277,379
1938-39	3,412,818	426,110	74,928	408,276	5,355	908	841	22,029	8,368	361,712
1939-40	2,970,411	452,764	82,721	395,639	5,676	1,019	974	22,155	8,609	393,483
1940-41	2,625,401	429,177	65,623	418,486	6,118	1,313	845	21,905	8,841	449,260
1941-42 (b)	2,687,000	440,900	(a)	†342,000	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available. (b) Forecast. † Wheaten and Oaten.

No. 24.—Yield of Principal Crops, 1931-32 to 1941-42.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Po-tatoes.	To-bacco.	To-matoes.	Apples.	Dried Vine Fruits (Currants, Raisins, etc.).	Wine. (c)
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.							
1931-32	bushels. 41,521,245	bushels. 3,549,636	bushels. 164,580	tons. 453,353	tons. 20,253	cwt. 1,886	tons. (a)	bushels. 1,014,054	tons. 2,225	gallons. 364,752
1936-37	21,549,000	3,445,167	449,235	412,982	22,914	5,952	5,179	1,045,369	2,594	348,960
1937-38	36,224,800	4,364,370	584,055	450,419	21,587	7,041	6,466	930,678	2,612	400,292
1938-39	36,843,600	4,668,036	946,287	437,809	26,532	6,846	7,526	1,797,490	3,499	438,894
1939-40	40,861,000	5,315,292	971,373	475,677	30,761	6,359	7,950	1,118,404	3,701	335,978
1940-41	21,060,000	3,250,314	725,352	375,143	31,487	8,786	8,828	d1,905,172	2,954	469,795
1941-42	37,500,000	5,908,000	(a)	†403,000	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available. (b) Forecast. (c) Includes Distillation Wine. † Wheaten and Oaten.

(d) Represents Measured Crops plus deliveries of Unmeasured Crops.

No. 25.—Average Yield per Acre of Principal Crops, 1931-32 to 1941-42.

Season.	Principal Grain Crops.			Hay (all kinds).	Potatoes.	Tobacco.	Tomatoes.	Apples.
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.					
1931-32	bushels. 13·14	bushels. 13·25	bushels. 11·32	tons. 1·19	tons. 4·14	cwt. 5·4	tons. (a)	bushels. 128·1
1936-37	8·37	7·44	11·21	0·86	5·29	5·7	7·8	110·2
1937-38	11·97	11·30	13·00	1·04	5·14	5·8	9·2	95·6
1938-39	10·80	10·96	12·63	1·07	4·96	7·6	8·9	176·2
1939-40	13·76	11·74	11·74	1·20	5·42	6·2	8·2	108·0
1940-41	8·02	7·57	11·05	0·90	5·15	6·7	10·5	168·8
1941-42 (b)	13·96	13·40	(a)	†1·18	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

(a) Not available. (b) Forecast. † Wheaten and Oaten.

XII.—INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENTS.

(Exclusive of Mines.)

No. 28.—Output (Quantities) of the Principal Commodities Produced or Treated in Factories,
1935-36 to 1940-41.

Commodity.	Unit.	1935-36.	1936-37.	1937-38.	1938-39.	1939-40.	1940-41.
Aerated Waters	doz.	731,007	854,739	835,857	925,776	921,185	914,775
Bacon and Ham †	lb.	5,586,816	4,347,813	4,355,942	4,212,970	4,642,625	5,125,751
(†Including quantities made from "Green" Bacon and Ham)	lb.	(270,975)	(363,097)	(505,498)	(188,174)	(67,149)	(41,253)
Bark—Ground	ton	2,392	2,122	2,172	2,199	2,569	1,190
Beer and Stout	gal.	7,359,988	6,675,676	6,792,000	7,268,503	8,009,482	8,161,804
Blankets, Rugs, and Shawls	No.	11,264	14,475	14,224	12,392	8,179	15,351
Boots and Shoes	pair	360,060	395,126	375,944	358,603	361,103	349,102
Bran	ton	33,405	34,049	32,591	34,467	34,372	35,006
Bricks	No.	51,172,787	54,272,812	58,077,685	53,843,857	44,344,478	46,001,893
Butter	lb.	10,967,662	10,641,749	13,702,317	14,654,760	14,002,180	13,781,178
Cheese	lb.	863,289	1,009,909	883,619	977,092	842,831	950,649
Cigars	lb.	14,943	14,951	14,750	17,245	17,150	15,654
Cigarettes	lb.	17,487	17,645	21,489	25,117	27,019	48,608
Cigarette Papers	1,000 leaves	526,416	555,192	605,664	706,608	802,528	538,752
Confectionery	lb.	5,633,803	5,457,213	5,895,765	6,154,515	6,194,569	7,107,557
Electricity—Light and Power (a)	Brit. Unit	194,603,054	223,498,979	250,368,016	277,517,226	306,308,244	320,521,731
Fibrous Plaster Sheets	sq. yd.	(c)	1,083,682	952,501	881,649	784,241	832,008
Flannel	sq. yd.	7,221	5,987	8,283	9,677	8,010	7,768
Flour—Ordinary	ton	118,340	122,723	125,472	137,553	140,849	149,925
Flour—Self-raising	lb.	8,476,900	7,993,159	7,811,028	8,667,900	8,468,992	8,617,448
Gas (a)	1,000 cub. ft.	424,083	451,071	488,709	508,046	526,001	566,919
Gas Producers (all kinds)	No.	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)	922	1,102
Hosiery	pair	182,532	135,132	8,604	10,236	10,356	238,800
Ice	ton	28,078	32,401	27,692	27,625	27,497	25,633
Jams and Jellies	lb.	625,248	775,136	965,046	1,062,987	1,276,913	1,228,289
Leather	lb.	1,987,196	1,828,530	1,888,248	1,693,723	2,409,637	2,418,337
Lime (all kinds)	ton	8,372	14,248	20,467	17,551	16,284	17,376
Malt-Barley	bus.	174,094	203,496	262,234	236,393	244,611	266,886
Margarine	lb.	(c)	(c)	(c)	125,070	271,206	845,004
Meat—Frozen, Pre- served, etc. (b)	lb.	17,815,854	12,847,608	16,764,422	18,304,749	16,293,995	16,483,204
Perambulators	No.	(c)	1,547	1,893	1,455	1,330	1,367
Pickles	pint	184,078	207,368	186,016	236,778	270,415	164,642
Pollard	ton	17,589	17,993	20,544	23,745	25,766	28,571
Salt—Refined, Crushed or Washed	ton	4,227	3,670	3,791	3,413	4,248	2,892
Sauce	pint	546,362	702,900	678,329	841,686	763,942	814,849
Slippers	pair	183,927	175,861	231,377	270,249	405,571	367,864
Soap	cwt.	48,119	(c)	48,439	49,740	49,230	49,200
Sugar—Refined	ton	16,267	15,720	16,856	17,708	17,342	19,115
Superphosphate	ton	209,979	264,457	279,685	298,180	238,683	206,161
Tallow	cwt.	26,448	22,166	29,134	30,420	29,571	35,023
Tiles (Roofing, all kinds)	No.	3,718,296	4,592,265	5,394,478	3,857,834	4,411,769	4,503,783
Timber (Native)—Sawn and Hewn ‡	super. ft.	154,988,508	175,758,234	176,663,073	161,063,429	152,452,765	146,846,441
(‡Including quantities produced in Agencies other than Forest Sawmills)	super ft.	(44,432,400)	(45,116,868)	(46,775,418)	(35,862,540)	(34,981,010)	(31,659,666)
Tobacco	lb.	315,500	278,891	253,123	240,388	283,628	267,005
Tweed and Cloth	sq. yd.	173,514	193,943	175,255	193,252	230,236	282,713
Tyres Retreaded	No.	(c)	17,245	22,607	24,149	22,969	19,082
Vinegar(Including Bulk)	pint	1,215,532	1,088,768	1,504,400	1,389,032	1,353,880	1,244,504
Wine §	gal.	195,034	148,157	177,932	167,645	153,586	187,497
(§Excluding quantities of Distillation Wine)	gal.	(152,878)	(88,073)	(101,773)	(140,051)	(70,878)	(150,501)
Wool—Scoured	lb.	3,379,828	2,488,895	2,993,492	3,688,615	* 5,421,908	8,524,389

(a) Distributed. (b) In the case of frozen and chilled meat, figures relate to the Calendar Years 1935, 1936, 1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940 respectively. (c) Particulars not available. * Revised.

No. 27.—Summary of Factories according to Industrial Classes, 1940-41.

Class of Industry.	Factories.	Land and Buildings.	Plant and Machinery.	Workers. (a)	Salaries and Wages. (a)	Output.	Net Production.
	No.	£	£	No.	£	£	£
I. Treatment of Non-Metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	58	99,506	128,141	739	158,076	622,731	293,551
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	31	99,497	124,028	528	123,807	316,682	197,322
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, and Grease	34	670,324	879,009	880	209,883	1,786,856	493,873
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances	594	1,695,412	924,000	6,553	1,613,132	4,025,995	2,313,138
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	24	28,680	3,798	84	20,983	36,988	25,035
VI. Textile and Textile Goods (not Dress)	14	61,478	74,272	458	69,240	400,294	145,705
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	27	113,546	69,438	494	104,519	416,817	177,281
VIII. Clothing	224	472,715	86,180	3,093	413,526	1,126,054	570,730
IX. Food, Drink, and Tobacco	454	2,013,105	1,658,652	4,025	948,065	8,062,884	2,321,073
X. Wood-working and Basketware	208	267,906	436,100	2,506	584,362	1,761,803	825,601
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	97	135,616	39,854	749	160,083	491,537	228,034
XII. Stationery, Paper, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	129	539,381	310,922	1,585	364,483	1,057,274	645,256
XIII. Rubber	22	33,963	7,610	68	13,354	51,359	28,339
XIV. Musical Instruments	3	6,710	497	26	5,913	8,374	7,818
XV. Miscellaneous Products	22	45,683	11,580	228	32,336	88,268	49,817
XVI. Heat, Light, and Power	115	518,966	2,570,309	718	248,029	1,571,058	694,349
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	2,056	6,802,488	7,324,390	22,734	5,069,791	21,824,974	9,016,922

(a) Including Working Proprietors.

No. 28.—Employment in Age Groups, as at 15th June, 1941.

(Exclusive of Working Proprietors.)

Class of Industry.	Under 16 Years.	16 Years.	17 Years.	18 Years.	19 Years.	20 Years.	21 to 25 Years.	Over 25 Years.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
I. Treatment of Non-Metalliferous Mine and Quarry Products	31	34	47	53	31	26	52	452	726
II. Bricks, Pottery, Glass, etc.	19	16	21	21	20	24	53	351	525
III. Chemicals, Dyes, Explosives, Paints, Oils, and Grease	52	52	66	55	46	16	93	571	951
IV. Industrial Metals, Machines, Implements, and Conveyances	270	333	359	293	257	192	630	4,116	6,450
V. Precious Metals, Jewellery, Plate	8	5	5	3	2	4	4	37	68
VI. Textile and Textile Goods (not Dress)	42	60	71	59	46	29	76	114	497
VII. Skins and Leather (not Clothing or Footwear)	29	21	42	36	18	14	66	262	488
VIII. Clothing	331	316	267	214	210	203	527	891	2,959
IX. Food, Drink, and Tobacco	300	313	235	238	178	120	351	2,262	3,997
X. Wood-working and Basketware	105	68	62	81	69	53	232	1,825	2,495
XI. Furniture, Bedding, etc.	61	36	46	37	33	28	72	333	646
XII. Stationery, Paper, Printing, Bookbinding, etc.	101	83	94	94	70	84	139	825	1,490
XIII. Rubber	5	7	8	4	7	2	5	19	57
XIV. Musical Instruments	2	1	1	1	2	.....	2	17	26
XV. Miscellaneous Products	16	21	21	4	8	7	18	129	224
XVI. Heat, Light, and Power	3	11	10	13	12	6	30	615	700
TOTAL ALL INDUSTRIES	1,375	1,377	1,355	1,206	1,009	808	2,350	12,819	22,299

XIII.—RETAIL PRICES AND HOUSE RENTS.

No. 29.—Average Retail Prices* of Food and Groceries—Metropolitan Area.

Commodity.	Unit.	1941.				1942.			
		Jan.	Feb.	March.	Quarter ended March.	Jan.	Feb.	March.	Quarter ended March.
GROCERIES.									
Bread	2 lb.	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00	pence. 6-00
Flour—Ordinary	"	5-00	5-10	5-10	5-07	5-00	5-00	5-00	5-00
Self-raising	"	7-80	7-80	7-80	7-80	7-95	7-95	7-95	7-95
Tea	lb.	32-90	32-89	32-89	32-89	42-90	41-00	41-00	41-63
Sugar	"	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00	4-00
Rice	"	3-65	3-65	3-65	3-65	3-60	3-60	3-60	3-60
Sago	"	4-10	4-10	4-30	4-17	5-90	5-90	6-38	6-06
Jam—Plum	1½ lb. tin	9-70	9-70	9-65	9-68	9-90	10-00	10-05	9-98
Golden Syrup	2 lb. tin	7-40	7-40	7-45	7-42	7-40	7-40	7-44	7-41
Oats—Flaked	lb.	3-75	3-80	3-93	3-83	4-21	4-21	4-22	4-21
Raisins	"	10-75	10-75	10-95	10-82	11-35	11-35	11-60	11-43
Currants	"	9-55	9-55	9-55	9-55	9-75	10-00	10-00	9-92
Apricots—Dried	"	16-30	16-11	16-40	16-27	16-78	16-63	17-00	16-80
Peaches—Canned	30 oz. tin	12-15	12-05	12-05	12-08	12-05	12-05	12-15	12-08
Pears—Canned	"	13-00	12-80	12-80	12-87	12-90	12-90	13-00	12-93
Salmon	1 lb. tin	17-72	18-17	18-39	18-09	20-17	20-50	20-25	20-31
Potatoes	7 lb.	9-95	10-30	10-75	10-33	9-10	10-75	11-45	10-43
Onions—Brown	lb.	2-85	2-90	2-80	2-85	2-30	2-60	2-70	2-53
Soap—Household	"	6-67	6-67	6-67	6-67	6-77	6-77	6-77	6-77
Kerosene	qrt.	5-45	5-48	5-49	5-47	6-05	6-15	6-30	6-17
DAIRY PRODUCE.									
Butter—Choicest	lb.	20-00	20-00	20-05	20-02	20-00	20-00	21-00	20-33
Cheese—Mild (loaf)	"	15-20	15-20	15-20	15-20	15-75	15-85	16-55	16-05
Eggs—Standard, New Laid	doz.	16-56	20-00	22-40	19-65	17-10	22-30	22-30	20-57
Bacon, Rashers	lb.	17-40	17-40	17-40	17-40	17-40	17-60	17-60	17-53
Milk—Condensed, Sweetened (Full Cream)	14 oz. tin	9-40	9-40	9-45	9-42	9-45	9-45	9-45	9-45
Milk—Fresh	qrt.	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00	7-00
MEAT.									
Beef—Sirloin	lb.	9-90	9-90	10-30	10-03	10-50	10-45	10-45	10-47
Ribs	"	8-75	8-80	8-90	8-82	8-90	8-90	8-90	8-90
Steak, Rump	"	15-90	15-90	16-60	16-13	17-10	17-10	17-10	17-10
Chuck	"	8-70	8-70	9-20	8-87	9-50	9-60	9-70	9-60
Sausages	"	7-70	7-60	7-60	7-63	7-85	7-85	7-85	7-85
Corned, Silverside	"	8-95	8-95	8-95	8-95	9-35	9-35	9-35	9-35
Brisket, Rolled	"	7-00	7-00	7-20	7-07	7-40	7-40	7-40	7-40
Mutton—Leg	"	7-85	7-85	8-10	7-93	8-55	8-65	8-75	8-65
Forequarter	"	4-90	4-80	4-90	4-87	5-30	5-20	5-25	5-25
Loin	"	7-70	7-60	7-55	7-62	8-05	8-20	8-20	8-15
Chops, Loin	"	8-55	8-70	8-70	8-65	9-15	9-15	9-30	9-20
Leg	"	8-70	8-60	8-70	8-67	9-35	9-35	9-40	9-37
Pork—Leg	"	12-00	11-90	11-90	11-93	12-70	12-80	12-70	12-73
Loin	"	12-30	12-00	12-00	12-10	12-80	12-80	12-80	12-80
Chops	"	12-50	12-30	12-30	12-37	13-00	13-00	12-90	12-97

* As at the 15th of the month.

No. 30.—Retail Price Index Numbers of Food and Groceries—Five Principal Towns.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923-27, = 1,000.)

Town.	1941.				1942.			
	January.	February.	March.	Quarter ended March.	January.	February.	March.	Quarter ended March.
Metropolitan Area	948	953	964	955	982	992	1,002	992
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,143	1,163	1,164	1,157	1,146	1,145	1,159	1,150
Northam	1,004	1,013	1,013	1,010	1,040	1,056	1,067	1,055
Bunbury	979	979	986	981	1,000	1,006	1,018	1,008
Geraldton	982	982	991	985	1,008	1,019	1,024	1,017
Weighted Average—5 Towns	964	971	981	972	996	1,005	1,015	1,005

No. 31.—Retail Price Index Numbers of Food and Groceries—32 Towns.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923-27, = 1,000.)

Note.—Conversion to the 1911 base may be effected by using the multiplier, 1.788.

Town.	1941.				1942.
	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	1st Qr.
Metropolitan Area	955	997	989	982	992
Albany	986	998	996	1,007	993
Bridgetown	1,042	1,056	1,041	1,053	1,063
Bunbury	981	1,003	996	1,005	1,008
Collie	1,020	1,029	1,021	1,033	1,035
Coolgardie	1,159	1,197	1,158	1,176	1,191
Cue	1,152	1,167	1,162	1,168	1,173
Dalwallinu	1,047	1,084	1,080	1,089	1,091
Esperance	1,061	1,108	1,133	1,132	1,142
Geraldton	985	1,002	1,002	1,009	1,017
Greenbushes	1,000	1,028	1,032	1,036	1,011
Jardee	1,026	1,043	1,043	1,051	1,050
Jarrohdale	1,002	1,021	1,017	1,028	1,030
Kalgoorlie-Boulder	1,157	1,181	1,186	1,141	1,150
Katanning	987	989	991	999	1,002
Leonora-Gwalia	1,257	1,269	1,271	1,270	1,263
Manjimup	1,029	1,037	1,037	1,049	1,051
Meekatharra	1,228	1,251	1,251	1,229	1,231
Menzies	1,255	1,275	1,250	1,237	1,240
Merredin	1,006	1,054	1,046	1,032	1,049
Mullewa	1,086	1,102	1,116	1,125	1,134
Narrogin	1,006	1,030	1,030	1,009	1,014
Norseman	1,198	1,211	1,193	1,196	1,217
Northam	1,010	1,054	1,047	1,044	1,055
Northampton	983	1,006	1,019	1,031	1,027
Pemberton	1,013	1,031	1,028	1,031	1,034
Ravensthorpe	1,099	1,109	1,111	1,123	1,101
Southern Cross	1,121	1,168	1,166	1,112	1,114
Westonia	1,129	1,173	1,167	1,187	1,184
Wiluna	1,282	1,298	1,286	1,300	1,279
Yarloop	991	1,066	1,008	1,018	992
Youanini	1,309	1,327	1,318	1,328	(a)

(a) Particulars not available.

No. 32.—House Rents as at 15th February, 1942—Five Principal Towns.

Average Weekly Rentals of 4 and 5-roomed Houses.

House Type.	Metropolitan Area.	Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.
Wood—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
4 rooms	16 1	23 8	17 8	18 1	18 6
5 rooms	16 10	27 3	20 7	23 9	24 1
Brick—					
4 rooms	20 4	(a)	15 11	18 6	21 6
5 rooms	22 4	(a)	20 7	22 6	24 10
Weighted Average	19 10	25 7	18 10	20 11	22 5

(a) Particulars not available.

No. 33.—Retail Price Index Numbers of "All Items" of Household Expenditure ("C" Series)—Five Principal Towns.

(Base—Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities for 1923-27, = 1,000.)

Period.	Western Australia.						Australia.
	Metropolitan Area.	Kalgoorlie-Boulder.	Northam.	Bunbury.	Geraldton.	Weighted Average—Five Towns.	Weighted Average—Six Capital Cities.
Year—1938	882	1,048	900	914	957	897	897
1939	901	1,066	915	936	965	915	920
1940	932	1,099	947	962	990	946	957
1941	993	1,165	1,017	1,018	1,055	1,008	1,008
Quarters—1941:							
First	965	1,148	987	997	1,033	981	995
Second	993	1,170	1,017	1,017	1,052	1,008	1,000
Third	1,002	1,167	1,027	1,025	1,061	1,016	1,009
Fourth	1,012	1,175	1,037	1,034	1,075	1,026	1,029
Quarters—1942:							
First	1,021	1,167	1,049	1,041	1,086	1,034	1,053

XIV.—WAGES.

No. 34—State Basic Wage.

Under the provisions of the Industrial Arbitration Act, 1912-25, authority was vested in the State Court of Arbitration to declare an annual Basic Wage operative as from the 1st of July each year.

The first decision of the Court took effect on the 1st July, 1926, and prescribed a rate of £4 5s.0d. for males and £2 5s. 11d. for females throughout the whole of the State.

These rates remained unaltered until the 1st July, 1929, when the amounts were increased to £4 7s. 0d. and £2 7s. 0d. respectively, with the exception of certain specified goldfields areas, in respect of which the previous wage was retained.

A revision by the Court following the 1930 inquiry resulted in the declaration of a separate wage of £4 6s. 0d. for males and £2 6s. 5d. for females, in respect of the Metropolitan Area, and rates of £4 5s. 0d. and £2 5s. 11d. respectively for all other parts of the State.

Additional power was given the Court under the provisions of the Industrial Arbitration Act Amendment Act, 1930, to enable quarterly adjustments to be made to the annual declaration, and on the 3rd March, 1931, rates of £3 18s. 0d. for males and £2 2s. 2d. for females were prescribed for the Metropolitan Area, while all other parts of the State were fixed at £3 17s. 0d. and £2 1s. 8d. respectively.

The annual declaration operative as from the 1st July, 1931, did not vary these amounts, but a further quarterly adjustment on the 18th August, 1931, marked the inauguration of a different wage for agricultural areas, which are taken to be those areas comprised within the official South-West Land Division as gazetted under the Land Act.

Wage levels in all divisions of the State were considerably increased as from the 1st July, 1938, following the most comprehensive inquiry since the original declaration. In the course of the 1938 inquiry, special consideration was given to the factors of National Income and Standard of Nutrition.

The table hereunder shows annual declarations and interim variations since the original decision of 1926, which remained unaltered until 1st July, 1929.

Date of Operation.	Metropolitan Area (a).		South-West Land Division.		Goldfields Areas and other parts of State.	
	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.	Males.	Females.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
* 1-7-26 (b) ...	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11
* 1-7-29 (b) ...	4 7 0	2 7 0	4 7 0	2 7 0	4 5 0†	2 5 11†
* 1-7-30 (b) ...	4 6 0	2 6 5	4 5 0	2 5 11	4 5 0	2 5 11
3-3-31 (b) ...	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 17 0	2 1 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
* 1-7-31 (b) ...	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 17 0	2 1 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
18-8-31 ...	3 18 0	2 2 2	3 16 0	2 1 0	3 17 0	2 1 8
5-11-31 ...	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 14 6	2 0 3	3 17 0	2 1 8
29-2-32 ...	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 14 6	2 0 3	3 17 0	2 1 8
3-5-32 ...	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 17 0	2 1 8
* 1-7-32 ...	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 6	1 19 8	3 18 0	2 2 2
2-11-32 ...	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 12 6	1 19 2	3 18 0	2 2 2
28-2-33 ...	3 9 0	1 17 3	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 18 0	2 2 2
16-5-33 ...	3 9 0	1 17 3	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 18 0	2 2 2
* 1-7-33 ...	3 8 0	1 16 9	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 17 6	2 1 10
3-8-33 ...	3 9 3	1 17 5	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 17 6	2 1 10
1-5-34 ...	3 9 3	1 17 5	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 19 3	2 2 10
* 1-7-34 ...	3 9 6	1 17 6	3 10 0	1 17 10	3 19 6	2 2 11
1-8-34 ...	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 11 6	1 18 7	4 2 0	2 4 3
24-5-35 ...	3 11 0	1 18 4	3 11 6	1 18 7	4 4 4	2 5 6
* 1-7-35 ...	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 2	1 18 5	4 4 4	2 5 6
4-11-35 ...	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 2	1 18 5	4 5 7	2 6 3
* 1-7-36 ...	3 10 6	1 18 1	3 11 9	1 18 9	4 6 0	2 6 5
12-8-36 ...	3 12 0	1 18 11	3 13 0	1 19 5	4 7 0	2 7 0
16-11-36 ...	3 13 9	1 19 10	3 14 8	2 0 4	4 7 0	2 7 0
* 1-7-37 ...	3 13 9	1 19 10	3 14 8	2 0 4	4 7 0	2 7 0
26-7-37 ...	3 14 11	2 0 5	3 15 10	2 0 11	4 7 0	2 7 0
* 1-7-38 ...	4 0 0	2 3 2	4 1 0	2 3 9	4 13 3	2 10 4
29-7-38 ...	4 1 1	2 3 9	4 1 0	2 3 9	4 15 2	2 11 5
2-11-38 ...	4 1 1	2 3 9	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 15 2	2 11 5
24-4-39 ...	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 16 4	2 12 0
* 1-7-39 ...	4 2 2	2 4 4	4 3 1	2 4 10	4 16 4	2 12 0
* 1-7-40 ...	4 2 8	2 4 8	4 3 3	2 4 11	4 16 3	2 12 0
31-7-40 ...	4 5 4	2 6 1	4 5 6	2 6 2	4 18 8	2 13 3
26-10-40 ...	4 5 4	2 6 1	4 6 6	2 6 9	5 0 3	2 14 2
26-2-41 ...	4 6 11	2 6 11	4 7 8	2 7 4	5 2 1	2 15 2
28-4-41 ...	4 8 0	2 7 6	4 9 3	2 8 2	5 3 6	2 15 11
* 1-7-41 ...	4 8 0	2 7 6	4 9 3	2 8 2	5 3 6	2 15 11
28-7-41(c) ...	4 10 5	2 8 10	4 10 10	2 9 1	5 5 7	2 17 0

* Annual Declaration.

† Relates to certain specified Goldfields Districts only.

(a) Defined as the area comprised within a radius of 15 miles from G.P.O., Perth.

(b) Rates for divisions shown not specifically declared by Court. (See letterpress.)

(c) Rates operative to 31st March, 1942.

No. 35.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements, in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st March, 1942.

Rates relate to the Metropolitan Area except where otherwise stated, and are shown to the nearest farthing.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS I.—TREATMENT OF METALLIFEROUS MINE AND QUARRY PRODUCTS—	£ s. d.	CLASS III.—CHEMICALS, DYES, EXPLOSIVES, PAINTS, OILS, GREASE—	£ s. d.
Cement Pipe Making :	Per week.	Oil Handling :	Per hour.
Pipe Maker } 4 19 5		Adults } 0 3 1	
Stone Crusher } 5 2 5		Soap and Candle Factories :	Per week.
Labourer } 4 19 5		Glycerine Hand } 5 0 5	
		Leading Candlemaker } 4 19 5	
Cement Works :		Boxmaker } 4 19 5	
Miller } 5 4 4		Soap Crutcher } 4 17 5	
Assistant } 4 18 4		Storeman Packer } 4 16 5	
Burner } 5 14 4		Soda Crystal Maker } 4 16 5	
Dredge Hand } 5 10 4		Tallow Man, Box-wirer, and Soap Cutter } 4 15 5	
General Hands } 4 15 4		Assistants to Soapmaker and Candle- } 4 15 5	
		maker } 4 10 5	
		All other Adults (Males) } 4 10 5	
		Wrappers and Packers (Adult Females) } 2 13 4	
		Superphosphate Works :	
Fibrous Plaster, Plaster, and Cement Goods :		Phosphate Rock Section } 4 14 11	
Bench Hand } 6 0 11		to } 5 3 11	
Fixer } 6 1 1		Sulphur Section } 5 3 11	
Sheet Fibre Casters } 5 0 5		to } 5 9 11	
Reinforced Concrete and/or Pressed } 4 14 11		Superphosphate Section } 4 14 11	
Cement Worker } 5 0 5		to } 5 3 11	
Limeworks :		4 17 11	
Cutters, Loaders, Kiln Hands, and } 5 3 11		to } 5 3 11	
Quarrymen } 4 19 5		Sulphuric Acid Chamber Section } 5 3 11	
Horse Drivers } 4 19 11		Acid and Chemical Manufacturing Plant } 4 14 11	
		Section } 5 3 11	
		Mixed Manures Plant Section } 4 14 11	
		to } 5 3 11	
		General Section } 4 14 11	
		to } 5 6 11	
		CLASS IV.—INDUSTRIAL METALS, MACHINES, IMPLEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES—	
Motor Drivers } 5 12 11		State Engineering Works, Leighton :	
Day-firers, Powder Monkey, Lime } 5 5 5		Boiler-maker } (a) 6 0 5	
Baggers, and Crushers } 5 8 5		Pattern-makers } (b) 6 9 5	
Kiln Repairers } 5 8 5		Blacksmiths } (a) 6 1 5	
Night Firer } 1 3 10½	Per shift.	Carpenters } 5 19 11	
		Fitters, Turners, Moulders } (a) 6 0 5	
		Painters, Plumbers } 5 19 11	
		Labourers } 4 10 5	
		Agricultural Implement Making :	
CLASS II.—BRICKS, POTTERY, GLASS, ETC.—		Assemblers } 4 17 11	
Brickworks (Hoffman Kilns) :	Per week.	to } 5 1 5	
Burner } 5 11 5		Agricultural Implement and/or } 5 5 5	
Clayhole Hands } 4 17 11		Comb Fitters } 5 8 5	
		to } 5 5 5	
		Beater Testers } 5 8 5	
		to } 5 5 5	
		Experts } 5 5 5	
		Coachbuilding, etc. :	
		Coachsmith, General Smith, Farrier, } 6 0 5	
		Wheelwright Smith, Spring Maker } 4 19 11	
		and/or Fitters on Road Vehicles, } to	
		Bodymaker, Panel Beater } 6 0 5	
		Welders } 6 0 5	
Brickworks (Wire-cut) :		Wheelwright, Wheelmaker, Painter, } 5 17 5	
Clayhole Hand } 4 17 11		Spray Painter, Trimmer, Grainer, Seat } 5 13 5	
to } 5 3 11		maker, Signwriter } 5 8 5	
Off Bearers } 5 2 11		Machinists (all kinds) } 5 5 5	
Scintlers } 4 17 11		Sectional Trimmer } 5 1 5	
to } 4 17 11		Floorman, Metal Panel Fixer } 5 0 5	
Burners } 5 3 11		Assembler, Vyceman } 4 10 5	
Setters } 5 5 11		Storeman } 5 0 5	
Mill-feeder } 4 17 11		to } 4 10 5	
Wheeler-out } 5 0 11		All others } 4 19 5	
Wheeler or Crowder-in } 4 17 11		Engineering Foundries, etc. :	
Glass :		Blacksmith, Coppersmith, Fitter, Turner, } 6 6 5	
Glass Beveilling and Silvering } 5 11 5		Planer, Slotter, etc. } 6 14 5	
Leadlight Glazing } 5 14 5		Pattern-maker } 5 5 5	
Pottery and Porcelain Employees :		to } 5 17 5	
Burner, Moulder, Flanger } 5 4 5		Tradesman's Assistant } 4 19 5	
Trap Makers } 5 2 5		Boiler-maker } 6 6 5	
Junction Sticker } 4 16 5			
Others } 4 10 5			
to } 4 16 5			
Setters } 5 4 5			

(a) Plus Wartime Loading of 6s. 0d.

(b) Plus Wartime Loading of 5s. 0d.

No. 35.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements, in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st March, 1942—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS IV.—INDUSTRIAL METALS, MACHINES, IMPLEMENTS AND CONVEYANCES—continued.	£ s. d.	CLASS VI.—TEXTILES AND TEXTILE GOODS (NOT DRESS)—continued.	£ s. d.
Engineering Foundries, etc.—continued.	Per week.	Knitting: Males—	Per week.
Moulder	5 11 5	Operator Mechanic	4 19 5
Electrical Fitter and/or Armature Winder	to	Others	4 12 11
Electrical Wireman	6 6 5	Females	2 12 11
Engineering (Goldfields): (Excluding Mining)	6 6 5		
Motor Mechanic	5 17 5	CLASS VII.—SKINS AND LEATHER (NOT CLOTHING OR FOOTWEAR)—	
Coppersmith, Blacksmith, Fitter, Turner	6 12 7	Rope and Cordage:	
and Planer	6 15 7	Rope-maker	5 5 5
Pattern-maker	7 4 7	Assistant	4 15 5
		Factory Hands	4 10 5
		Female	2 8 10
Engineering (Railways):	Per day.	Saddlery and Leather Working:	
Foreman	1 5 11	Journymen	5 12 5
Fitter-in-Charge, Running Shed	1 5 9	Females	2 17 4
Fitter-in-Charge, Power House	1 4 7		
Pattern-maker	1 3 6	Tanneries (Federal Award):	
Blacksmith	1 2 1	Bark Bagger	5 4 0
Coppersmith, Fitter, Brass-finisher,	0 19 2	Currier	6 2 0
Turner	1 1 11	Flesher (Hand)	5 14 0
	to	Lime Jobber	5 5 0
Furnaceman	1 1 4	Machinist (Splitting)	6 0 0
Slotter, Planer, Shaper, Borer, etc.	1 1 11	Operator of Other Machines	5 18 0
Boiler-maker	1 1 11	Roller, Striker and Setter-out	5 7 6
	to	Shedman who applies Dressing to Leather	5 3 0
	1 4 7	Unhairer, Scudder, etc.	5 7 0
	1 1 11	Tannery Hand (Unskilled)	4 18 0
Moulder	to		5 7 0
	1 4 7	Table Hands	to
Engineering (Sawmills)—South-West Land			5 7 6
Division (a):	Per week.	Wool-scouring:	
Leading Hand	6 15 10	Wool-scourer (in Charge of Machine)	5 9 5
Pattern-maker	6 9 10	All other Adults	5 3 5
Oxy-acetylene Operator	6 4 10		
Fitter, Turner, etc.	6 0 10	CLASS VIII.—CLOTHING—	
Driller	5 7 6	Boots and Shoes:	
Electrical Wireman	5 14 2	Journymen	5 6 5
Tradesman's Assistant	5 0 10	Journeywomen	2 16 6
			Per hour.
Engineering (Others)—South-West Land		Repairer	0 2 7½
Division (a):			
Fitter, Turner, Motor Mechanic, Elec-		Dressmaking (Order):	Per week.
trical Fitter	6 0 10	Skirt Hand	2 13 7
Tradesman's Assistant	4 19 10	Coat, Bodice, etc., Hand	2 15 7
General Labourer	4 10 10		
Plumbing:		Dyeing and Cleaning:	
Plumber (Government)	5 19 11	Males:	
Plumber (Other)	Per hour.	Pressers	5 5 5
Sheet Metal Working:	0 2 11½	Cleaners and Repairers	5 1 5
Bench Hands (First Class)	5 18 5	Others	4 10 5
Stock Hands	5 10 5	Females:	
Canister-makers	4 15 5	Pressers	3 3 4
	to	Others	2 8 10
Gas Meter-makers	5 2 5		
Stove and Range Fitters and Assemblers	5 11 5	Millinery:	
Shipbuilding, etc.:	5 9 11	Milliner	2 11 7
Shore Shipwrights (Permanent Em-			
ployees)	6 1 0	Ready-made Clothing (Men's and Boys'	
Shipwrights and Boat Builders (Govern-	Per hour.	Outer):	
ment)	0 3 4½	Foreman	6 2 5
		Cutter, Trimmer, Presser	5 7 5
Wire-working:	Per week.	Coat Hand (Female)	2 14 7
Galvaniser	5 10 5	Brusher and Folder (Female)	2 11 7
Hand and Power Loom Weaver	5 2 5		2 13 1
Barbed Wire-maker	5 0 11	Machinist (Female)	to
Annealer	5 0 5		2 14 7
Labourer	4 10 5	Shirt-making:	
		Cutter (Male)	5 7 5
		Cutter (Female)	2 19 7
		Machinist, Ironer, Starcher	2 11 7
CLASS V.—PRECIOUS METALS, JEWELLERY, PLATE—			
Jewellers and Allied Trades:		Stock Costumes:	
Watch-makers and Clock-makers	5 15 5	Dressmaking (Ready-made):	
Jewellers	5 14 5	Stock Cutter (Male)	5 7 5
Enamellers and Metal Badge-makers	5 10 5	Stock Cutter (Female)	2 19 7
Females (Adult)	3 1 5	Skirt Hand	2 12 11
		Coat, Bodice, etc., Hand	2 12 11
		Machinist	2 12 11
CLASS VI.—TEXTILES AND TEXTILE GOODS (NOT DRESS)—			
Bag, Sack and Textile Workers:		Tailoring (Males):	
Floor Hands (Female)	2 8 10	Cutters	6 10 5
Machinist and Hand Cutters (Females)	2 10 10	Foreman	6 0 5
Factory Hands (Males)	5 0 5	Trimmers, Fitters, Tailors' Machinists,	
		and Pressers	5 9 5
		All Others	4 10 5

(a) Outside 25-mile radius from G.P.O.

No. 35.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st March, 1942—continued.

Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
CLASS VIII.—CLOTHING—continued.		CLASS IX.—FOOD, DRINK, AND TOBACCO—continued.	
Tailoring (Females):	£ s. d. Per week.	Flour Mills—continued.	£ s. d. Per week.
Cutters	6 10 5	Fitters and Millwrights	6 2 6
Trimmers, Fitters, Pressers	5 9 5	General Repairers	5 16 6
Machinist	3 7 11	Wheat Samplers	5 4 6
Body and Dress-coat Hands	5 9 5	Smuttermen and Topmen	5 8 6
All other Coat Hands	3 7 11	Packermen	5 6 6
Trouser Hands	3 0 4	Storehand	5 3 6
Vest and Skirt Hands	2 17 10	Engine-drivers	5 1 6
Waterproof Garments:		Firemen	5 10 6
Males:		Other Adults	5 13 6
Dippers and Prooferers	5 7 5	Fruit and Produce Markets:	5 1 6
Cutters	5 7 5	Head Storeman	4 15 6
Females:		Weekly Workers	5 8 11
Makers	3 2 11	Ham and Bacon Curing:	5 6 11
Machinists	2 13 1	Leading Man	5 18 5
Others	2 14 7	Scalders	5 11 5
Whitework (Females):	2 11 7	Assistants in Cellar	5 8 11
Corset Maker	2 16 7	Pork Labourers, Shavers, etc.	5 3 11
Cutter	2 19 7	Yardmen	5 1 5
Washer, Starcher, Ironer and Machinist	2 11 7	Ice-Works:	
CLASS IX.—FOOD, DRINK, AND TOBACCO—		Engine Driver	5 13 5
BACCO—		Fireman	4 16 5
Aerated Waters and Cordial Factories:		Milk Processing:	
Horse and Motor Driver	5 2 5	Tester and Grader	5 11 5
Bottler in Charge of Generator	5 2 11	Pasteuriser	4 19 11
Bottler	4 15 5	Man in Charge Bottling Machine	4 19 11
Winer or Packer	4 15 5	All other Adults	4 10 5
Corker	4 12 11	Pastory Cooking:	
Others	4 10 5	Pastry-cook (Single hand)	5 17 11
Baking:		Pastry-cook	5 10 5
Foreman-in-charge of 4 or more workers	6 14 5	Casual	Per day.
Foreman-in-charge of less than 4 workers	6 11 11	Sugar Refinery:	0 19 8½
Single Hand Baker	6 9 5	Raw Sugar:	Per week.
Doughmaker	6 9 5	Leading hand	5 4 11
Baker doing Oven work	6 4 5	Unstacking, cutting-in	4 19 11
Board Hand	6 4 5	Melting House:	
Jobber	Per hour.	Washing fugalas	4 18 5
Bread-carter	0 3 3	Pan Floor:	
Bread-carter (in charge motor vehicle)	Per week.	Refined fugalas	5 5 5
	5 0 11	Boil-out fugalas	4 16 11
	5 5 11	Refined Sugar:	
Biscuits and Cakes:		Leading hand (Store Room)	5 2 11
Biscuit-makers	5 10 5	Stackers and Truckers (Store Room)	4 15 5
Machine-hands	5 10 5	Drier and Grader	4 18 5
Employees in charge Cake-mixing	5 10 5	Packages:	
Weighers, Mixers, Blenders	5 0 5	Leading hand	5 1 5
Female Employees (Adults)	2 10 7	Men Washing and Drying	4 12 5
†Breweries (including Bottling):		Cleaner Attendants	4 15 5
Motor Lorry Driver	6 0 0	Unspecified Workers	4 12 5
Cylinder Men	5 15 0	CLASS X.—WOOD - WORKING AND BASKETWARE—	
Leading Hands	6 0 0	Box and Case-making:	
Topmen, Cask Pitchers,	5 13 0	Sawyer	5 0 5
Bottle-washers, Cask-washers, Packers, Sorters, Corkers, Winers, Labourers, etc.	5 10 0	Machinist	4 17 11
Engine-Driver	6 8 0	Case-maker	4 17 11
Firemen	5 13 0	Labourer	4 10 5
Coopers	6 19 0	Joinery:	
Chaffcutting and Carting (a):		Carpenter (Government)	5 19 11
Steamfeeder, Stackman and Sheaf-turner	4 15 10	Carpenter (Other)	Per hour.
Cook	5 3 4		0 2 8½
Bag-sewer	5 5 10		to
Engine-drivers	6 3 4	Sawmills, (South-West Land Division) (a)	0 2 11½
Teamster	7 7 4	Blacksmith (Bush), or Farrier	Per week.
(From these rates £1 12s. 1d. is deducted per week for keep.)		Carpenter (Bush)	5 10 10
Cigar, Cigarette and Tobacco Making:		Carpenters and Joiners	5 8 10
Males (Adult)	4 13 5	Dockerman	5 14 10
Females (Adult)	2 10 11	Engine-drivers:	4 15 4
Flour Mills (Federal Award):		Locomotive	to
Foreman Miller	6 6 0		4 19 10
Shift Millers or Rollerman	5 15 6	Stationary	5 9 10
	to		to
	6 6 0	Faller	5 16 1
			5 1 4
			to
			5 4 4
			5 8 4

† Wages paid by private agreement.

(a) Excluding area within 14-mile radius from G.P.O.

(b) Within a 14-mile radius from G.P.O.

No. 35.—Minimum Rates of Wages payable under Awards of Courts of Arbitration and Industrial Agreements in certain Industries and Occupations as at 31st March, 1942—continued.

Industry and Occupation	Wages	Industry and Occupation	Wages
MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.
Agricultural and Pastoral Pursuits (Federal Award)—continued.		Butchering and Slaughtering—continued.	Per week.
Shearers with machines (not found) <i>contd.</i>		Shop Section—continued.	
Rams that have cut first two permanent teeth and for ram stags	Per 100.	Smallgoodsman	5 11 5
Stud Ewes (not special)	3 8 0	First Shopman	5 15 5
Special Studs (as per agreement)	2 2 3		
	Per day.	Beef Carter's Section:	
	0 18 10	Horse and Cart	5 0 5
Shed Hands (not found)	Per week.	Motors, 30cwt.	5 5 5
Shearing Cooks (found)	6 12 3	Motors, over 30cwt.	5 10 5
Station Hands (not found)	5 13 0		
	3 14 0	Abattoirs Section:	
Attendance and Service:		Labourers	4 15 5
Barman, Barmaid (without Board and Lodging)	5 14 5	Slaughterman's Labourer	5 0 5
Clubs (without Board and Lodging):		Beef Lumpers and Tallowman	5 0 5
		Slaughterman	5 17 11
Cooks (Male)	4 16 5	Export Slaughtermen for Slaughtering and Dressing:	Per 100. (Solo System)
	to	Woolly Sheep	2 13 3
Cooks (Female)	5 19 5	Sheep or Lambs	1 17 3
	3 15 10	Rams and Ram Stags	3 14 6
	to		Per day.
Barman	4 16 10	Attendants on Slaughterman	0 17 5½
Waiter	5 3 5		to
Kitchenman, Pantryman, Steward	4 15 5		0 18 5½
Waitress and other Female Workers	4 11 5	Carters and Drivers:	Per week.
	3 7 1	Horse Driver (1 horse)	4 19 11
Coffee Palaces (without Board and Lodging):		Horse Driver (2 to 5 horses)	5 4 11
			to
Cooks (Male)	4 12 7		5 7 11
	to	Horse Driver (over 5 horses), 6d. per day extra per horse.	
	5 14 9	Stableman	4 18 11
Cooks (Female)	3 10 6		
	to	Motor Wagon Driver	
Waiter	4 10 9	25cwt. or less	5 4 11
Night Porter	4 11 7	26cwt. to 3 tons	5 8 11
Hall Porter	4 12 7		5 12 11
Waitress and other Female Workers	4 10 5		to
	3 2 1		5 17 11
Hotels (without Board and Lodging):		Over 3 tons	
		Loaders, Yardmen, Horse and Motor Drivers' Assistants	4 17 11
Cooks (Male)	4 12 7		
	to	Passenger Carrying:	
	5 14 9	Omnibus Drivers	5 10 5
Cooks (Female)	3 10 6		to
	to		5 12 11
Waiter	4 10 9	Taxi-car Drivers	5 1 11
Night Porter	4 11 7	Washers	4 16 5
Hall Porter	4 15 5	Fare Collectors (Female)	2 14 10
Waitress and other female Workers	4 10 5		
	3 2 1	Cemetery Employees:	
Restaurants (without Board):		Grave Digger	5 5 5
		Gardener's Labourer	5 2 5
Cooks (Male)	4 10 5	Labourer	4 16 5
	to		
	5 10 8	Cleaning etc.:	
Cooks (Female)	2 18 8	Caretaker (Male)	5 19 10
	to		4 17 3
	3 18 10	Cleaner (Male)	5 3 6
Waiter	4 10 5		2 19 6
Other Male Workers	4 10 5	Cleaner (Female)	to
Counter Hand (Female)	2 17 8		3 0 6
Waitress	2 13 4	Lift Attendant (Male)	4 14 1
Other Female Workers	2 11 5		to
Boarding and/or Lodging Houses and Service Flats (without Board and Lodging):		Window Cleaner (Male)	5 0 9
			5 4 8
Cook (Male)	5 10 5	Clerical:	
Yardman	4 10 5	Wholesale Houses:	
	3 3 10	Clerk (Senior)	6 0 5
Cook (Female)	to		4 18 3
	3 13 10	Clerk (Male)	to
	2 11 4		5 9 9
Waitress	to	Clerk (Female)	3 5 1
	2 14 4	Retail Houses:	
Housemaid, Pantrymaid	2 11 4		
Building Contractors:	Per hour.	Clerk (Male)	4 18 3
Bricklayer	0 2 11½		to
Plasterer	0 2 11½		5 9 9
Stonemason	0 2 11½	Clerk (Female)	3 5 1
	0 2 3		
Labourer	to	Diving (Marine), and Tending:	Per day.
	0 2 6½	Divers (when Diving)	1 13 3
Butchering and Slaughtering:	Per week.		Per week.
Shop Section:	4 15 5	Divers (when not Diving)	5 8 5
Order Cart Hand	to		Per day.
	5 11 5	Tenders (when Tending)	1 1 1
General Butcher	5 11 5		Per week.
Cutting Cart Hand	5 11 5	Tenders (when not Tending)	4 19 5

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Industry and Occupation.	Wages.	Industry and Occupation.	Wages.
MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.	MISCELLANEOUS—continued.	£ s. d.
Municipal Employees (Perth)—continued.		Railways (Government)—contd.	
Sanitary Employees—continued.			Per day.
Sanitary Pan Removers, Washers,	Per week.	Cleaner	0 17 6
Stage-hands, Trenchman	5 11 5	Guard	0 19 9
Attendants (Latrines)	4 13 5	Porter	to
Motor Lorry Driver	6 4 5	Shunter	1 1 4
Horse-drivers	4 18 5	Signalman	0 16 5
Stablemen	to		to
Motor Lorry-drivers	5 3 5		0 17 10
Sweepers (Adults)	5 6 5		0 18 1
Sweepers' Boys	5 3 5		to
Drainage Worker	to		0 18 7
	5 13 5		to
	4 10 5		0 17 0
	to		to
	4 12 5		1 0 4
	2 18 9		
	4 13 5	Shop Assistants :	
	to	Hardware and Carpet Depart-	Per week.
	5 5 5	ments or Shops :	5 7 2
		Male	3 4 8
		Female	
Nurses (Registered) :			
Government and Public Hospitals through-		Grocery Departments or Shops :	
out State : (a)		Male	5 7 2
Nurses	3 10 9	Female	3 15 2
Sisters :		Manchester, Dress and Silk Departments	
" B " Class	3 18 10	or Shops :	
" A " Class	4 6 4	Male	5 7 2
Matron's Assistants	to	Female	3 8 4
	4 16 4		
	4 11 10	All other Departments and Shops :	
	to	Male	5 7 2
	6 7 7	Female	2 19 5
	4 6 4	Storemen, Despatch Hands and Packers	
	to	Canvasser	5 11 10
	6 13 11		
	6 8 9	Tramways :	Per day.
	to	Trolley Bus Drivers	0 19 8½
	10 2 9	Petrol Bus Driver	1 0 6½
Nurses (Registered) :		Conductors, Motormen and Pitmen	0 19 2
Private Hospitals—Nurses	3 10 6	Car starter	1 0 1
(Subject to deduction for Board 17/7½,		Platelayer	0 18 3
and Lodging 7/9½.)		Fettler	0 17 6½
		Track Repairer	0 18 1
Painters and Decorators :	Per hour.	Motor Car and Lorry Drivers :	
Glaziers	0 2 8	Not exceeding 25 cwt.	0 19 1
Signwriters	0 2 11½	Exceeding 25cwt. and up to 3 tons	0 19 9½
Painters	0 2 11½	Exceeding 3 tons	1 0 6½
Photographic Employees :	Per week.		1 0 11½
Male (Adult)	4 10 5	Ganger	to
	to	Chainman	1 3 2
	4 15 11		0 18 9½
Female (Adult)	2 16 0		
Quarrymen :		Waterside Workers (Federal Award) :	Per hour.
Spallers	5 1 11	Lumper (General Cargo)	0 3 4½
Jumpermen	4 19 2	Bulk Wheat—Trimmer	0 3 10½
Crusher-feeders	5 4 11	Bagged Wheat	0 3 11
Hammer and Drillmen	4 19 2	Wine and Spirit Warehouse Employees :	Per week.
Powder Monkeys	5 7 5	Cellarman (Head)	5 16 8
Radio Workers :		Storeman	5 6 8
General Serviceman	6 0 5	Others	5 4 7
Workshop Serviceman	6 0 5	Wool, Hide and Skin Stores :	
Bench Assembler	5 0 5	Head Classifier and/or Man in Charge of	
Railways (Government) :	Per day.	Store	6 2 5
Engine drivers	1 1 4	Assistant Classifier	5 14 5
	to	Assistant Storeman (Handling Hides)...	5 13 5
	1 8 1	Assistant Storeman (Other)	5 10 5
	0 18 3	Skin Sorter	5 5 5
	to		5 1 5
	1 0 10	Others	to
			5 7 5

(a) Rates shown are for Metropolitan Area and are subject to deductions for Board and Lodging—Nurses £1 5s. 5d., Sisters £1 5s. 5d., Assistant Matrons £1 5s. 5d. to £1 10s. 5d., and Matrons £1 5s. 5d. to £2 0s. 5d. per week. Outside that area the difference in basic wage is to be added. There are also District Allowances for certain localities.

XV.—METEOROLOGICAL STATISTICS.

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WEATHER NOTES.

No. 36.—Notes on the Rainfall and general weather conditions in Western Australia during the year 1941, and the months of January, February and March, 1942.

YEAR 1941.

The outstanding feature of the weather in 1941 was a return to normal seasonal conditions after several successive years of disastrous droughts which affected the greater portion of the pastoral and the agricultural districts.

The contrast between 1941 and 1940 is, perhaps, shown most graphically, so far as the agricultural districts are concerned, by a comparison of the wheat yield in these two years. In the 1940-41 season, this yield amounted to only 21,060,000 bushels, while in the 1941-42 season the yield was 38,000,000 bushels. In the pastoral districts the difference in production was not so marked, because of the very serious depletion of stock over large areas, but the measure of recovery due to the better rainfall was, nevertheless, considerable, despite the fact that the whole of the pastoral areas, except the Eucla and the North-Eastern Divisions, showed deficits which ranged from negligible amounts in the East Gascoyne to 38 per cent. in the North Kimberley. Despite the excellent results of the season, the rainfall figures in the agricultural districts also were not in themselves very impressive; but the principal departure from normal was a shortage of 11 per cent. in the South Central Division, which at the end of the year was still experiencing an appreciable shortage in water supplies—this being almost the only detrimental feature of an excellent year in the agricultural districts.

At individual stations, the principal rainfall registrations in the various districts were as follows:—

North Kimberley (Wyndham)	...	...	1,612	points
East Kimberley (Turkey Creek)	...	...	2,194	"
West Kimberley (Derby)	...	...	2,530	"
De Grey (Marble Bar)	...	...	1,993	"
Fortescue (Ethel Creek)	...	...	1,074	"
West Gascoyne (Carnarvon)	...	...	815	"
East Gascoyne (Boolardy)	...	...	1,073	"
North Coastal (Greenough)	...	...	2,155	"
Central Coastal (Jarrahdale)	...	...	5,012	"
South Coastal (Pemberton)	...	...	5,324	"
North Coastal (Toodyay)	...	...	2,074	"
South Central (Wandering)	...	...	2,320	"
Eucla (Eucla)	...	...	1,173	"
South-Eastern (Mt. Sir Samuel)	...	...	1,335	"
North-Eastern (Wiluna)	...	...	1,100	"

Perth received rainfall on 122 days, and the total fall in the city was 3,474 points. The lightest rainfall was received in the vicinity of Onslow, Winning Pool, and Peak Hill, these stations registering less than six inches for the year.

The principal departure from normal rainfall was reported from Wyndham, where the registration of 1,612 points was 902 points below normal. The year commenced somewhat inauspiciously with substantial rainfall shortages in every division during January and February, and in the tropics the failure of the seasonal rains caused considerable concern. During this period, abnormal heat prevailed in the tropics. On January 18th, Port Hedland registered its record high temperature of 117 degrees. At Marble Bar, a series of days with temperatures of 100 degrees or more had commenced on October 15th, and lasted for 135 days, February 26th being the last of the series. This series of successive "centuries" was, with one exception, the longest ever recorded in Australia.

In the south, the first two months of the year were marked by some severe electrical storms. On 9th January Corrigin experienced a severe hailstorm, and in parts, hailstones were piled to a depth of 18 inches. Storms also caused some damage in the metropolitan area on January 15th and on February 25th. A severe wind storm caused considerable damage at Coolgardie on February 27th.

The tropical rainstorm system developed new energy in March, and on the second day of that month a "willy-willy" crossed the coast-line north of Port Hedland, causing appreciable damage between Port Hedland and Marble Bar, particularly on pastoral properties. Attendant torrential rains caused the De Grey River to flood to a width of 30 miles at one section, and telegraphic interruption north of Port Hedland and Marble Bar continued for many days.

In the Kimberley Division, unseasonably heavy rains occurred in May and June, and winter rains were experienced in the De Grey and Fortescue districts in July and August.

In the southern half of the State the wheatgrowing season opened auspiciously in April, with remarkably good rains from the Gascoyne southwards. A temporary rain shortage in May was followed by good rains in June, attended by stormy conditions on the South-West coast, the wind reaching 63 miles per hour in Perth on June 15th. Rainfall in July and August, though somewhat light in the agricultural districts, was adequate; and the West Gascoyne received some splendid falls which benefited greatly the banana industry at Carnarvon and assured irrigation water supplies for another eighteen months. In August there were further severe storms on the South-West coast and on August 31st the wind velocity in Perth reached 77 miles per hour.

Good rains in September in the South-West of the State placed seasonable prospects almost beyond doubt. These rains were accompanied by some severe local storm conditions, which caused considerable damage at Collie on September 4th. In Perth the rainfall of 169 points on September 14th was the third heaviest rainfall ever recorded in the city in any September on record. The far south experienced unusually cold conditions, and light falls of snow occurred in the Mt. Barker and Porongorup districts.

In the following month the tendency to severe local storms, a feature of the year's weather, was again manifested in some cloud-bursts, which caused washaways between Cunderdin and Tammin on October 23rd. Flooding and railway washaways also interrupted railway traffic between Perth and Coolgardie. Exceptionally heavy falls of hail attended the cloud-bursts, and in one section between Cunderdin and Tammin the hailstones accumulated in a solid block of ice 160 yards long and, in some places three feet thick.

December weather also was marked by some still further severe hail storms which caused damage, more particularly in the Goomalling and Miling districts.

Despite the storm damage in small areas however, the year ended with seasonal conditions highly satisfactory throughout the South-Western and Gascoyne Divisions and greatly improved in a large portion of the pastoral areas also.

The following is a summary of the weather in each month of the year:—

January.—The month's rainfall was deficient in all divisions, high barometric pressure formations obstructing the southward penetration of tropical depressions; also the northern depressions lacked their normal seasonal intensity. Rainless conditions were experienced almost generally in the Gascoyne, the eastern sub-tropics from the trans-Australian railway northwards; also over a large portion of the agricultural districts and the South-West coast.

The dry weather in the agricultural districts facilitated harvesting operations. In the tropics the dry season was attended by some exceptionally high temperatures which included 117 degrees at Port Hedland on the 18th.

February.—The rainfall was again below normal in every division of the State, the principal shortages being recorded in the tropics (except the Fortescue) and on the Central and South coasts. The tropical depressions however, showed a marked revival of energy towards the end of the month and were attended by widespread thunderstorms which yielded more than the normal February rainfall in parts of the De Grey, Fortescue, and East Gascoyne Divisions, and in limited areas in the northern agricultural districts. Temperatures remained mostly above normal, particularly in the tropics. At Marble Bar a sequence of 135 days with temperatures of 100 degrees or more, ended on the 27th. An effect of the drought year in the wheatbelt was indicated by the final wheat yield figures of 21,060,000 bushels.

In a large portion of the South-West of the State, pasturage was scarce and dry, and water supplies low.

March.—The seasonal trend in the tropics further improved, the month's rainfall exceeding the normal in all districts except the Fortescue. A fairly intense "willy-willy" was experienced in the De Grey, and great floods occurred on the De Grey River. The Gascoyne and the districts south from the tropic experienced another rainfall shortage, except as regards the south coast, where heavy rains occurred on the seaboard from Cape Leeuwin to Esperance. The principal weather types consisted of southward extensions of tropical depressions, and even the rains in the far south were derived largely from a tropical depression. Temperatures in the earlier part of the month were mostly above normal, but except in the West Gascoyne, were below normal in the second half of the month.

The condition of pastures and of water supplies remained unsatisfactory over a large portion of the settled areas of the State.

April.—The wheatgrowing season opened auspiciously with good rains almost generally in the agricultural districts, but parts of the central east and south-east wheatbelt received less than usual. The Murchison, the Northern Coolgardie Goldfields and most of the Eucla and Gascoyne Divisions also fared well but, except near Derby, the rains north from the Gascoyne were below normal. Temperatures showed but little departure from the normal.

May.—The month's rainfall was distributed much more irregularly than is usual. Unseasonably heavy falls occurred in the Kimberley Division, and in parts of the Fortescue district.

Further heavy surpluses and deficits were distributed patchily in all the main divisions. The big rains in the north were derived from shallow but persistent tropical depressions operating on the north-western edge of large anticyclonic formations.

Seasonal prospects fluctuated, but were favourable in the agricultural districts at the end of the month.

Frosts were frequent and fairly severe in the southern inland districts.

June.—Further unseasonably heavy rains occurred in a large portion of the Kimberley Division. In the agricultural districts and the adjoining coastal belt the falls appreciably exceeded the June normals and the seasonal conditions developed most favourably during the month.

A rainfall shortage was experienced in the eastern sub-tropics and from the Gascoyne to the southern section of the Kimberley Division. The principal rainstorms consisted of tropical depressions which formed on the north-western edge of vast anticyclonic systems and extending southwards along the south coast, co-operated with southern depressions centred off the southern seaboard.

July.—The rainfall was slightly below normal over most of the South-West of the State, but considerable surpluses were received in the Wiluna and Eucla districts and in the De Grey and Fortescue Divisions. Elsewhere rain was limited chiefly to some moderately heavy falls in the Gascoyne. There were some very heavy rains in the far South-West and on the central coast.

Temperatures were seasonable except as regards the unusual mildness of night temperatures in the South-Western districts.

August.—Rainless conditions prevailed in the Kimberleys and in portion of the De Grey Division. Rains were below normal except in the Fortescue, the Gascoyne, the Northern Coolgardie Goldfields and small areas elsewhere.

At first rainfall in the agricultural districts showed a continuance and some intensification of the previous month's tendency for lighter falls, and crops on heavy land began to show retardation of growth.

Opportune substantial rains late in the month, however, restored the prospect of an exceptionally favourable season. The month's rainfall was derived mainly from combinations of tropical and southern low pressure which developed on the western edge of vast anticyclonic formations and extended southwards. Some severe westerly gales were experienced on the South-West coast, and in Perth the wind reached a maximum velocity of 77 miles an hour on the morning of 31st August.

September.—Rainless conditions prevailed north from the Gascoyne, and considerable deficiencies were recorded in the Gascoyne and the North-Eastern Division, while the South-Eastern district received slightly less than the normal September rainfall. Good rains, however, occurred throughout the agricultural districts and on the adjoining coastal divisions; the condition of crops and pastures generally in the South-Western quarter of the State was exceptionally good. Water supplies were abundant.

October.—The rainfall was below normal over most of the State, but almost the usual falls were received in the Central South Division, and fairly substantial surpluses were registered in the eastern sub-tropics. The favourable trend of the season was fully maintained in the agricultural districts.

November.—The rainfall was considerably above normal in the western portion of the South-Western districts, but an appreciable shortage was recorded in the South Central Division, the more eastern sections of the wheatbelt received less rain than usual. In the remaining divisions the rainfall was deficient almost generally and particularly in the northern tropics. There was some damage by hail and wind storms and some reports of rust in the agricultural districts. Potato crops also suffered slight damage by hail. Harvesting made good progress under fairly favourable conditions in the northern and central wheatbelt. The first commercial flax crops grown in the South-West of the State were satisfactory.

December.—The rainfall was considerably below normal on the Central and South coasts and small deficits were recorded in the West Kimberley, De Grey, and Fortescue districts, but over the greater portion of the State, including the agricultural areas, the rainfall was heavier than is usual in December. Harvesting suffered some interruptions through bad weather, and there was minor damage through wind and hail, and also in parts by some slight lessening in the quality of the grain, but these minor disadvantages failed to alter the generally highly favourable seasonal conditions.

The following is an extract from the Perth meteorological records for 1941 :—

Highest Temperature	103.0 degrees, 26th January
Lowest Temperature	41.6 degrees, 20th August
Mean Maximum Temperature	73.9 degrees (0.5 degrees above normal)
Mean Minimum Temperature	55.7 degrees (0.8 degrees above normal)
Mean Temperature	64.8 degrees (0.4 degrees above normal)
Greatest Wind Velocity	77 m.p.h., at 10.27 a.m. on 31st August
Total Rainfall	3,474 points
Days of Rain	122

District Rainfall Summary.

District.	Mean for Year 1941.	Average Mean Annual.	Percentage Departure from Average Mean.
	points.	points.	%
North Kimberley	1,612	2,621	38 below
East Kimberley	1,952	2,342	17 "
West Kimberley	1,767	2,057	14 "
De Grey	1,185	1,259	6 "
Fortescue	834	1,259	12 "
West Gascoyne	671	875	24 "
East Gascoyne	855	881	3 "
North Coastal	1,549	1,581	2 "
Central Coastal	3,388	3,443	2 "
South Coastal	3,567	3,432	4 above
North Central	1,407	1,357	4 "
South Central	1,514	1,694	11 below
Eucla	1,044	790	32 above
South-Eastern	1,100	991	10 below
North-Eastern	1,100	931	18 above

WEATHER AND RAINFALL DURING THE MONTHS OF JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND
MARCH, 1942.

January.—The outstanding feature of the weather during January was the exceptional nature of the rains in almost all districts except the agricultural areas and the adjoining coastal belt, the West Gascoyne Division, and two small areas extending respectively from Salmon Gums to Esperance in the South-Eastern Division, and from Boolardy to Yuin in the East Gascoyne.

So far as the pastoral areas are concerned, the rainfall was more general and copious than that of any January since 1915, and is in remarkable contrast with that of January, 1941, when rainless conditions prevailed almost generally south from the Kimberley Division. The heaviest rains were concentrated chiefly in three areas; one extending along the coast from Wyndham to Port Hedland, another including most of the De Grey, together with the vicinity of Mundiwindi, and the third commencing near Rawlinna and extending eastwards to the vicinity of the South Australian border.

With the possible exception of some of the rains which occurred beyond the reporting stations network and caused washaways on the Trans-Australian railway line, the heaviest rains occurred in the Tropics, and in parts of the East Gascoyne Division, Port Hedland receiving 2,130 points, Wyndham 1,670, Broome 1,359, Mundiwindi 1,230, Ethel Creek 1,188, Anna Plains 1,196, Bonny Downs 1,171, La Grange Bay 1,157, Hall's Creek 1,124, Derby 1,070, and Marble Bar 1,058 points.

In the eastern sub-tropics the principal totals reported were 828 points at Rawlinna and 791 points at Wiluna.

Some northern wheat belt areas nearest to the pastoral divisions received more than their normal January rainfall, but in the central and southern agricultural districts and the central south-west coast, rains were mostly light, and some places experienced a rainless month.

The month's rainstorms were derived from tropical depressions which assumed a closed-curve formation similar to that of cyclones but though highly rain-productive they lacked the windstorm intensity characteristic of "willy-willys." However, they followed the most common storm track from the Kimberley Division to the vicinity of Port Hedland, where they recurved and passed south-eastwards across the East Gascoyne and the South-Eastern Divisions.

Heavy falls on the upper catchment area of the Gascoyne River caused floods which, on the 31st January, inundated portion of the town of Carnarvon. The most widespread flooding, however, occurred when an earlier cyclonic disturbance passed across the far south-east of the State and caused extensive washaways on the Trans-Australian line about 300 miles east of Kalgoorlie.

Due to the abnormal persistence of cloudiness and frequent rains, the tropical half of the State experienced one of the coolest Januaries on record; at Marble Bar, for example, maximum temperatures were below normal on all except three days of the month.

Typical heat wave conditions were limited chiefly to the inland parts of the West Gascoyne, and Winning Pool experienced 14 days with temperatures of 105 degrees or more. The highest individual temperature readings were 113 degrees at Winning Pool on the 4th and 5th, 112 degrees at Winning Pool on the 1st, and at Walebing on the 3rd, and 111 degrees at Onslow on the 3rd, and at Winning Pool on the 9th January.

In Perth temperatures ranged from 104·5 degrees on the 22nd and 102·8 degrees on the 5th to 51·6 degrees on the 8th and 53·0 degrees on the 19th January.

Rainfall in the city occurred on two days and aggregated only 5 points, as compared with the January normal of 33 points.

The following table shows how the rainfall in the various divisions as a whole compared with the respective normals :—

District.	Mean for January, 1942.	Average Mean for January.	Percentage departure from Average Mean.
	points.	points.	%
North Kimberley	1,670	739	126 above
East Kimberley	654	603	8 "
West Kimberley	1,058	560	89 "
De Grey	1,134	233	387 "
Fortescue	845	135	526 "
West Gascoyne	34	65	49 below
East Gascoyne	368	96	283 above
North Coastal	44	41	7 "
Central Coastal	7	35	80 below
South Coastal	28	66	58 "
North Central	29	42	31 "
South Central	10	54	81 "
Eucla	289	43	572 above
South-Eastern	291	75	288 "
North-Eastern	791	132	500 "

February.—The outstanding feature of the weather in February was the continuance of the heavy pastoral rains which had been so marked a feature of the weather of the previous month. In February, however, the excessive pastoral rainfall contracted to the Kimberley Division and to the East Gascoyne, leaving moderate deficits in the De Grey, Fortescue, and West Gascoyne Divisions. The eastern sub-tropics, however, experienced another wet month and some serious floods with railway washaways occurred on the Trans-Australian railway and in the vicinity of Mt. Magnet, Cue, Wiluna, and Yalgoo. Though the West Gascoyne rains averaged only 35 points, flood waters from the East Gascoyne Division passed down the Gascoyne River and on the 10th February the river level at Carnarvon reached a height of only two inches lower than the record high level of the previous month.

In marked contrast to the abundant rains in most of the Tropics, the weather in the south-western quarters of the State was even drier than usual, deficits ranging from 94 per cent. in the North Coastal agricultural districts to 52 per cent. in the South Central Division. This lack of rainfall in the agricultural districts was unfortunate in consideration of the need for the replenishment of water supplies over a large portion of the southern inland sections of the wheat belt.

Over the various districts as a whole the principal rains were registered in the North Kimberley Division, where the amounts averaged 1,444 points. Other very substantial average totals were 1,001 points in the East Kimberley, 887 points in the West Kimberley Division, and 365 points in the Wiluna district.

At individual stations the principal amounts were 1,678 points at Turkey Creek, 1,444 points at Wyndham, 1,373 points at Broome, 946 points at La Grange, and 927 points at Fitzroy Crossing.

South from the Tropics the principal registrations were 404 points at Meekatharra, 365 points at Wiluna, 321 points at Mt. Magnet, 308 points at Coolgardie, 284 points at Boolardy, and 259 points at Kalgoorlie.

At most stations temperatures were mostly below normal but the agricultural districts and the central coast experienced a minor heat wave from the 10th to the 20th February, the highest readings in this area being 100 degrees at Northam on the 12th and 14th. Later a shorter but somewhat more intense heat wave occurred on the 23rd and 24th, Kellerberrin registering 102 degrees, Katanning 100 degrees, and as the heat wave moved eastwards Balladonia recorded 103 degrees on the 25th.

In the Tropics Marble Bar recorded temperatures of 100 degrees or more on 15 days only, and the highest reading at that station was 111 degrees on the 28th. The longest spell of heat wave conditions was reported from Winning Pool, where temperatures of 100 degrees or more were recorded on every day from and including the 8th.

The extremes of temperature in Perth were 96·0 degrees on the 14th and 56 degrees on the 27th.

The mean maximum temperature (83 degrees) and the mean minimum temperature (63·4 degrees) were respectively 0·5 degrees and 0·1 degrees above normal.

The following table shows how the mean rainfall in each district as a whole compared with the respective normals :—

District.	Mean for February, 1942.	Average Mean for February.	Percentage departure from Average Mean.
	points.	points.	%
North Kimberley	1,444	606	138 above
East Kimberley	1,001	553	81 "
West Kimberley	887	465	91 "
De Grey	131	232	44 below
Fortescue	145	159	9 "
West Gascoyne	31	81	62 "
East Gascoyne	210	86	144 above
North Coastal	3	53	94 below
Central Coastal	10	46	78 "
South Coastal	26	66	61 "
North Central	17	55	69 "
South Central	24	50	52 "
Eucla	31	54	57 "
South-East	112	70	60 above
North-East	365	105	248 "

March.—A rather sudden change in seasonal conditions was experienced in March, there in-fall in the tropical divisions declining sharply, with the notable exception of the De Grey and Fortescue, which were visited by a "willy-willy," while the rain in the southern half of the State and in portion of the Gascoyne was considerably in excess of the normal and represented what is usually regarded as an "early season" in the south-west of the State.

The heaviest rains were derived from a "willy-willy" type of disturbance which reached the vicinity of the De Grey Division about the 23rd of the month and attained its maximum intensity in that region in the 24 hours ended on the 25th March, when Port Hedland received 1,005 points, Bonny Downs 515 points, and Nullagine 500 points. Passing south-eastwards through the East Gascoyne and Fortescue, the storm yielded 523 points at Mundiwindi and 438 points at Ethel Creek on the 26th. The further south-eastward progress of the storm was marked by widespread heavy rains on the northern Coolgardie Goldfields on the 26th and 27th, the principal individual falls on any one day being 270 points at Doyle's Well, 260 points at Yundamindera, and 220 points at Leonora on the 28th.

In the south-western districts the rains averaged more than 200 points and in the south central districts they averaged 277 points and included some fairly heavy totals such as 452 points at Kulin, 425 points at Hyden, 422 points at Corrigin, and 401 points at Borden. The heavy rains ended a prolonged water shortage which, in the southern agricultural districts, was the principal feature which detracted from last year's otherwise excellent season and which persisted until these rains occurred.

At individual stations in the State as a whole the principal rainfall totals were :—1,205 points at Port Hedland, 1,056 points at Mundiwindi, 804 points at Nullagine, 663 points at Toodyay, 642 points at Ethel Creek, and 639 points at Roy Hill.

Some wind storm damage occurred in parts of the De Grey, while the "willy-willy" disturbance was passing and heavy inland rains were associated with some flood damage in the Murchison and the southern inland districts.

The rainfall in the southern divisions was derived mainly from a southward extension of tropical disturbances which moved along the western seaboard. A feature of these rain storms was the remarkable extent, frequency, and persistence of the thunderstorms which attended them. In Perth on two occasions lightning was observable at frequent intervals throughout the greater part of two nights. The rainfall in the metropolitan area, however, was comparatively light, the total amounting to only 181 points as compared with falls of from two to three inches in the nearer parts of the agricultural areas and with 663 points recorded at Toodyay.

Temperatures during the month fluctuated much more than is usually the case, but on the whole the preponderance of readings above normal was very marked in the first half of the month, when north-easterly winds predominated. The second half of the month was unseasonably cool in almost all parts of the State. The lowest temperature registration for the month was 31 degrees at Bridgetown on the 27th. The opposite extreme was 109 degrees at Marble Bar on the 1st and 2nd. Readings of 100 degrees or more were most numerous at Marble Bar, which recorded "centuries" on every day from the 1st to the 15th inclusive, and also on the 21st and 22nd of March.

Extreme temperature registrations in Perth were 90.5 degrees on the 11th and 52.4 degrees on the 29th March. The mean maximum temperature in the city (78.6 degrees) was 2.8 degrees below normal and the mean minimum temperature (60.7 degrees) was 0.5 degrees above.

The following table shows how the rainfall in the various divisions as a whole compared with the respective normals :—

District.	Mean for March, 1942.	Average Mean for March.	Percentage departure from Average Mean.
	points.	points.	%
North Kimberley	54	467	88 below
East Kimberley	14	351	88 "
West Kimberley	151	380	60 "
De Grey	605	279	117 above
Fortescue	442	181	144 "
West Gascoyne	54	89	38 below
Far East Gascoyne	481	184	161 above
East Gascoyne	216	110	96 "
North Coastal	193	82	135 "
Central Coastal	225	79	185 "
South Coastal	225	116	94 "
Central North	210	83	153 "
Central South	277	101	174 "
Eucla	177	88	10 "
South-Eastern	337	119	183 "
North-Eastern	540	141	361 "

No. 37.—Abstract of Meteorological Observations.

A.—OBSERVATIONS AT PERTH (LATITUDE, 31° 57' S. ALTITUDE ABOVE MEAN SEA-LEVEL, 197 FEET.
LONGITUDE, 115° 51' E).

1942.	Barometric Pressure (inches).*			Shade Temperature (*Fahr.).								Evaporation.		Rainfall.			
	Mean, 9 a.m. and 3 p.m.	Highest.	Lowest.	Mean Maximum.	Mean Minimum.	Maximum on any one day.	Minimum on any one day.	Highest previous record since 1897.		Lowest previous record since 1897.		Inches.	Aver., 43 yrs., to end of 1941, Inches.	Total.		Average for 66 years, to end of 1941	
								Max.	Year.	Min.	Year.			Inches.	Days.	Inches.	Days.
Jan.	29.93	30.22	29.50	85	62	104	52	110	1934	49	1925	10.41	10.35	0.05	2	0.33	3
Feb.	29.96	30.21	29.70	83	63	96	56	112	1933	48	1902	8.72	8.65	0.02	2	0.40	3
Mar.	29.96	30.22	29.74	79	61	91	52	106	1922	46	1903	6.06	7.53	1.81	8	0.81	4
April ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
May ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
June ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
July ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Aug. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sept. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oct. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Nov. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dec. ....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Mean	30.03	.....	.....	74	56	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ext'me	....	30.34†	29.69†	....	....	103†	42†	112	1933	34	{ 1914 1916	....	....	....	....	....	....
Total	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	61.06†	66.10	34.74†	122†	34.67	121

* In addition to other corrections further corrections for standard gravity have been applied. † Figures for 1941.

B.—MEAN ANNUAL RAINFALL IN METEOROLOGICAL LAND DIVISIONS IN WESTERN AUSTRALIA DURING 1941, WITH
AVERAGES TO END OF 1940.

Land Divisions.	Rainfall during 1941.		Average, previous years.		Period of Observations of Normal.	
	Range.	Mean.	Range.	Average.	Range.	Average.
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Years.	Years.
North Kimberley	20.12 to 36.41	27.17	26.21 to 36.14	30.47	25 to 54	37
East Kimberley	17.23 " 22.90	19.55	15.32 " 29.43	21.93	26 " 50	41
West Kimberley	11.49 " 30.81	19.99	14.48 " 27.99	21.22	17 " 55	36
De Grey	7.47 " 20.46	13.57	10.94 " 14.67	12.30	27 " 54	43
Fortescue	5.71 " 13.37	9.01	8.71 " 14.52	10.83	28 " 55	41
West Gascoyne	5.53 " 12.41	7.86	7.91 " 12.49	9.13	33 " 58	45
East Gascoyne	6.22 " 15.01	9.36	7.80 " 11.39	8.94	29 " 52	39
South-West—						
North Coastal	8.74 " 21.55	15.09	10.51 " 20.01	15.62	23 " 63	38
Central Coastal	20.61 " 51.40	32.60	21.35 " 54.91	34.19	28 " 65	48
South Coastal	26.56 " 61.74	39.66	20.66 " 59.92	38.50	27 " 65	43
Central North	10.72 " 20.74	13.94	9.09 " 21.39	13.43	27 " 61	36
Central South	11.19 " 28.93	15.93	12.28 " 29.68	17.40	23 " 64	39
North-East	7.80 " 15.28	11.09	7.65 " 9.28	8.66	26 " 42	31
South-East	8.14 " 13.35	10.23	8.08 " 10.67	9.16	36 " 51	42
Eucla	9.45 " 11.74	10.34	6.15 " 10.62	8.60	23 " 62	37

XVI.—PARLIAMENTARY ROLLS.

No. 38.—Legislative Assembly, General Elections, 18th March, 1939.

District.	Males.	Females.	Total.	District.	Males.	Females.	Total.
<i>Number on Roll.</i>				<i>Number on Roll.</i>			
Albany	2,375	2,181	4,556	Murray-Wellington ...	2,343	1,888	4,231
Avon	2,168	1,582	3,750	Nedlands	5,588	6,082	11,670
Beverley	2,198	1,641	3,839	Nelson	3,438	2,358	5,796
Boulder	1,934	1,610	3,544	Northam	2,398	2,199	4,597
Brown Hill - Ivanhoe	1,893	1,423	3,316	Perth	4,121	4,297	8,418
Bunbury	2,664	2,608	5,272	Perth, East	3,568	4,061	7,629
Canning	5,568	5,827	11,395	Perth, North	2,719	3,672	6,391
Claremont	3,324	3,841	7,165	Perth, West	2,846	3,863	6,709
Collie	2,397	1,982	4,379	Pilbara	797	166	963
Forrest	2,301	1,649	3,950	Pingelly	2,192	1,612	3,804
Fremantle	4,148	4,118	8,266	Roebourne	506	171	677
Fremantle, North-East	3,289	3,853	7,142	Subiaco	3,469	4,361	7,830
Fremantle, South ...	3,719	3,876	7,595	Sussex	2,125	1,580	3,705
Gascoyne	717	354	1,071	Swan	3,049	3,030	6,079
Geraldton	2,156	1,914	4,070	Toodyay	2,051	1,628	3,679
Greenough	3,156	2,136	5,292	Victoria Park	4,193	4,643	8,836
Guildford-Midland ...	3,126	3,250	6,376	Wagin	2,327	1,836	4,163
Hannans	1,640	1,351	2,991	Williams-Narrogin ...	1,760	1,466	3,226
Irwin-Moore	2,018	1,398	3,416	Yilgarn-Coolgardie ...	2,572	1,350	3,922
Kalgoorlie	2,508	1,921	4,429	York	1,679	1,373	3,052
Kanowna	2,063	943	3,006				
Katanning	2,897	2,315	5,212	Total	138,240	127,747	265,987
Kimberley	705	253	958				
Leederville	4,412	5,215	9,627	<i>Electors in Contested</i>			
Maylands	3,887	4,665	8,552	<i>Districts</i>	117,094	111,469	228,563
Middle Swan	4,776	4,830	9,606				
Mount Hawthorn ...	4,391	5,105	9,496				
Mt. Magnet	2,460	1,084	3,544	<i>Votes Recorded ...</i>	104,228	101,510	(a)205,738
Mount Marshall ...	2,346	1,615	3,961				
Murchison	3,263	1,571	4,834				

(a) Including 3,574 informal votes.

No. 39.—Legislative Council, Biennial Elections, 11th May, 1940.

Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.	Province.	Males.	Females.	Total.
<i>Number on Roll.</i>				<i>Number on Roll.</i>			
Central	5,307	1,113	6,420	South-West	5,715	1,510	7,225
East	8,256	2,173	10,429	West	6,500	2,766	9,266
Metropolitan	4,017	2,437	6,454	Total	62,745	23,598	86,343
Metropolitan-Suburban	19,990	9,923	29,913				
North	764	144	908	<i>Electors in Contested Pro-</i>			
North-East	3,324	1,201	4,525	<i>vinces</i>	59,352	22,708	82,060
South	2,629	746	3,375				
South-East	6,243	1,585	7,828	<i>Votes recorded ...</i>	24,904	8,013	(a)32,917

(a) Including 350 informal votes.

XVII.—CENSUS OF 30th JUNE, 1933, and 4th April, 1921.

Note.—For details of Population and Dwellings in each Local Government Area, *see* March issue, 1936, page 36.

No. 40.—Age Groups.

Age last Birthday.	Census.				Increase, 1921-1933..
	4th April, 1921.	30th June, 1933.			
	Persons.	Males.	Females.	Persons.	
Years					
0—4	34,977	20,530	19,767	40,297	5,320
5—9	37,884	20,781	20,012	40,793	2,909
10—14	34,533	19,935	19,323	39,258	4,725
15—19	29,668	20,889	19,524	39,913	10,245
20—24	25,769	20,873	19,056	39,929	14,160
25—29	24,429	22,261	17,510	39,771	15,342
30—34	24,296	20,345	15,388	35,733	11,437
35—39	22,922	15,293	13,547	28,840	5,918
40—44	22,885	14,113	12,563	26,676	3,791
45—49	21,477	12,823	11,046	23,869	2,392
50—54	18,444	11,895	9,932	21,827	3,383
55—59	13,363	10,370	8,457	18,827	5,464
60—64	8,967	9,275	7,278	16,553	7,586
65—69	5,122	6,830	5,109	11,939	6,817
70—74	2,955	4,188	3,049	7,237	4,282
75—79	1,605	1,901	1,607	3,508	1,903
80—84	684	703	668	1,371	687
85—89	248	206	287	493	245
90—94	38	39	49	88	50
95—99	14	10	9	19	5
100 and over	1	4	1	5	4
Not stated	2,451	1,173	733	1,906	(a) 545
Total	332,732	233,937	204,915	438,852	106,120
Under 21 years	142,801	85,756	82,489	168,245	25,444
21 years and over	187,480	147,008	121,693	268,701	81,221

(a) Decrease.

XVIII.—MISCELLANEOUS.

No. 41.—Building Permits Issued since 1931 by Local Governing Authorities in the Metropolitan Area.

(Excludes Commonwealth, State and Local Government Buildings as permits are not issued for such.)

Period.	New Dwellings and Hotels.		New Stores, Ware- houses and other Buildings.		Additions and Alterations.		Total Permits Issued.	
	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.	No.	Value £.
1931-32	575	326,955	109	196,430	708	72,322	1,392	595,707
1932-33	808	514,703	119	123,388	737	93,890	1,664	731,981
1933-34	1,064	714,245	115	109,887	966	163,606	2,145	987,738
1934-35	1,243	940,188	175	243,131	1,047	170,788	2,465	1,354,107
1935-36	1,449	1,092,070	183	359,042	1,096	170,018	2,728	1,621,130
1936-37	1,508	1,116,463	174	677,612	1,299	226,438	2,981	2,020,513
1937-38	1,655	1,326,808	163	509,714	1,503	243,563	3,321	2,080,085
1938-39	1,590	1,266,512	143	202,592	1,540	239,541	3,273	1,708,645
1939-40	1,461	1,201,171	108	98,228	1,401	215,362	2,970	1,514,761
1940-41	1,458	1,209,339	34	60,982	1,312	207,445	2,804	1,477,766
1941-42—								
September Quarter ...	386	313,184	9	54,118	312	36,030	707	403,332
December Quarter ...	335	287,189	9	9,680	292	28,465	636	325,334
March Quarter	59	45,277	4	20,740	114	12,381	177	78,398
Month—								
January	35	28,612	1	5,050	58	5,514	94	39,176
February	24	16,665	3	15,690	44	2,865	71	35,220
March ... ..	...	...	...	...	12	4,002	12	4,002

No. 42.—Motor Vehicle Registrations.

A.—NEW VEHICLES.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles.)

Period.	Metropolitan Area.				Entire State.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars.)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939	2,185	571	19	218	3,454	1,712	30	530
1940	1,170	322	11	151	1,918	1,051	18	311
1941	439	162	18	54	623	494	18	126
1942—								
January	15	13	5	2	22	35	5	3
February	9	7	....	2	13	18	1	5
March	13	13	1	2	17	21	1	4

B.—MOTOR VEHICLES IN USE (Effective Registrations).

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned Vehicles—see footnote.)

Date. (As at end of Month.)	Metropolitan Area.				Entire State.			
	Cars (including Hire Cars).	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.	Cars (including Hire Cars.)	Wagons, Vans, Utilities.	Buses.	Motor Cycles.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1939—December	20,204	5,956	208	3,366	36,053	22,172	272	6,015
1940—December	19,540	5,685	204	3,321	35,324	22,918	283	6,044
1941—December	17,786	5,663	226	2,803	31,734	22,773	295	4,878
1942—								
January	15,904	5,247	218	2,264	27,657	20,161	275	3,645
February	16,182	5,340	218	2,371	28,564	20,956	281	3,893
March	16,204	5,344	218	2,384	28,612	20,984	281	3,910

Note.—Commonwealth-owned Vehicles (exclusive of all Defence Service Vehicles) registered 31st March, 1942, comprised—Cars, 23; Wagons, Vans, Utilities, 102; Motor Cycles, 1.

No. 43.—Output of Electricity.

WESTERN AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ELECTRICITY DEPARTMENT.

Month.	1940-41.		Month.	1941-42.	
	Units Generated.	Units Sold.		Units Generated.	Units Sold.
	k.w.h.	k.w.h.		k.w.h.	k.w.h.
July	13,125,600	10,759,206	July	13,997,670	11,900,386
August	12,284,450	10,186,380	August	13,161,460	11,542,121
September	11,587,470	10,061,472	September	13,008,090	10,727,254
October	11,964,070	10,153,108	October	13,029,100	11,123,879
November	11,855,880	9,781,260	November	12,282,730	10,801,869
December	11,466,390	9,974,891	December	12,977,240	10,613,315
January	11,953,360	10,094,403	January	12,218,400	10,067,671
February	11,603,910	9,865,228	February	11,426,150	9,695,102
March	12,617,850	10,731,011	March	12,474,430	10,817,438
April	12,019,650	10,265,026	April	11,804,760	9,953,465
May	12,974,150	10,817,438	May .....	....	....
June	13,085,360	11,359,072	June .....	....	....
Total, Year	146,538,140	124,048,485		....	....

No. 44.—Mid-Monthly Employment.

A.—FACTORIES.*

Index numbers showing the trend in Factory Employment since 1931.

(Base: Mean Employment in 1928-29, viz., 19,799, = 100.)

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Mean.
1931	....	....	....	....	....	....	62	60	61	62	63	65	....
1932	60	63	67	68	66	64	66	66	67	71	72	73	67
1933	72	73	73	74	70	70	71	73	74	76	78	80	74
1934	78	79	80	81	80	78	78	80	82	85	86	87	81
1935	87	88	87	88	88	88	*94	95	97	99	101	102	93
1936	101	102	104	104	104	103	106	106	106	108	109	111	105
1937	110	110	110	109	109	108	106	108	109	111	112	113	110
1938	111	112	114	113	112	111	110	111	111	112	113	113	112
1939	111	112	112	111	112	110	109	108	109	110	111	112	111
1940	110	111	112	111	111	110	107	107	107	108	110	110	110
1941	108	110	111	111	112	112	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)	(a)

* It should be noted that there is a break in the continuity of the index-number series between June and July, 1935, owing to the inclusion, from July, 1935, onwards, of certain factories previously not included. This tends to exaggerate the degree of recovery.

(a) Not available.

B.—RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS.

Index numbers, showing the trend in Retail Employment, compiled from returns specially collected from 67 representative establishments.

(Base: July, 1933, = 100.)

Year.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April.	May.	June.	July.	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Annual Mean.
1933	....	....	....	....	....	....	100	93	93	93	96	106	....
1934	108	99	98	100	101	100	104	102	100	104	104	119	103
1935	109	103	105	103	106	107	111	105	106	106	109	123	108
1936	114	110	110	109	111	109	113	111	113	116	116	127	113
1937	116	114	114	114	113	113	115	113	113	114	116	126	115
1938	122	116	115	117	115	114	120	113	114	115	115	131	117
1939	120	113	113	113	113	113	119	114	111	111	113	125	115
1940	118	115	116	115	114	114	116	112	113	110	113	122	115
1941	116	112	110	109	110	111	120	112	112	113	120	126	114
1942	115	116	113

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